

## Meeting of the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Ave. N.W. (Room 230) Washington, D.C.

### *Agenda* *Monday, September 19, 2005*

8:00 – 8:30	Informal gathering, coffee	
8:30 – 8:45	Meeting called to order Welcome, introductions, opening remarks	Mr. Jim Binns, Chairman
8:45 – 9:00	Exposures in relation to Gulf War illnesses: Review of topics covered in 2004-2005	Dr. Lea Steele, RAC-GWVI
9:00 – 9:15	Oil well fires and the health of Gulf War veterans: Overview and remaining questions	Dr. Lea Steele
9:15 – 10:15	Health evaluation of civilian firefighters who capped the 1991 Kuwaiti oil fires	Dr. Gary Friedman, Texas Lung Institute
10:15 – 10:30	Break	
10:30 – 10:45	Exposure to combusted petroleum products and particulates in the Gulf War	Dr. Lea Steele
10:45 – 11:30	Health effects of particulate exposures	Dr. Bellina Veronesi, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
11:30 – 12:00	Discussion	
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 1:30	Exposure to solvents in the Gulf War	Dr. Lea Steele
1:30 – 2:00	Fuel exposures in the Gulf War	Barbara LaClair, RAC-GWVI
2:00 – 2:45	Jet fuel exposure I: Effects on the immune system	Dr. Mark Witten, Univ. of Arizona College of Medicine
2:45 – 3:00	Break	
3:00 – 4:00	Jet fuel exposure II: Neurological and behavioral effects	Dr. Glenn Ritchie, Battelle
4:00 – 4:30	Discussion	
4:30 – 5:00	Public comment period	
5:00	Adjourn for the day	

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8:00 – 8:30	Informal gathering, coffee	
8:30	Meeting called to order	Mr. Jim Binns, Chairman
8:30 – 9:30	Additional unstudied exposures of possible concern in relation to Gulf War veterans' health	Dr. Lea Steele
9:30 – 10:15	Gulf War illness symptoms in relation to troop location: Use of GIS spatial analysis	Dr. Susan Proctor, VA Boston
10:15 – 10:30	Break	
10:30 – 11:30	Update on VA research evaluating read-through acetylcholinesterase (AChE-R) levels in Gulf War-era veterans	Dr. Mihaela Aslan, VA New Haven
11:30 – 12:00	Discussion	
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 1:45	Mortality in Gulf War veterans in relation to modeled proximity to Khamisiyah demolitions	Tim Bullman, VA Washington, DC
1:45 – 2:30	Cancer in Gulf War-era veterans: Information from state cancer registry data	Dr. Paul Levine, George Washington Univ. School of Public Health
2:30 – 2:45	Break	
2:45 – 3:30	Highlights of recently-published research relevant to Gulf War veterans' illnesses	Dr. Lea Steele
3:30 – 4:15	Tissue banking resources and requirements at the Department of Veterans Affairs	Dr. Timothy O'Leary, VA Office of Research and Development
4:15 – 4:30	Discussion	
4:30 – 5:00	Public comment period	
5:00	Adjourn for the day	

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*Wednesday, September 21, 2005*

8:00 – 8:30	Informal gathering, coffee	
8:30	Meeting called to order	Mr. Jim Binns, Chairman
8:30 – 10:00	VA Office of Research and Development update on Gulf War illness-related research activities	Dr. Joel Kupersmith, VA Office of Research and Development
10:00 – 10:30	Committee discussion with Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary James Nicholson	
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 11:30	Preliminary findings on multisymptom illnesses and treatments from VA's Longitudinal Study of Gulf War-era Veterans	Dr. Han Kang VA Washington, DC
11:30 – 12:00	Discussion	
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 1:30	Committee business	Mr. Jim Binns Dr. Lea Steele
1:30 – 2:00	Public comment period	
2:00	Adjourn	