

collection of information should be received on or before December 5, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov); or to Brian McCarthy, Office of Regulatory and Administrative Affairs, Veterans Health Administration (10B4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email: [Brian.McCarthy4@va.gov](mailto:Brian.McCarthy4@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0376" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian McCarthy at (202) 461-6345.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from OMB for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

**Titles:** Agent Orange Registry Code Sheet, VA Form 10-9009.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0376.

**Type of Review:** Reinstatement without change of a previously approved collection.

**Abstract:** VA employees obtain demographic data from existing records. The examining physician, Environmental Health (EH) Coordinator (formerly identified as the Agent Orange coordinator)/or other designated personnel obtain the remainder of the information during the Agent Orange registry physical examination process. The information obtained from the Veteran is entered directly onto an electronic VA Agent Orange Form 10-9009, Agent Orange Registry Worksheet (formerly identified as an Agent Orange Registry Code Sheet), via a secured Web site <http://vaww.registries.aac.va.gov> by VA personnel and transmitted directly to the Environmental Agents Service

(EAS) Agent Orange Registry database located at the Austin Information Technology Center (AITC), Austin, TX. Edits are automatically accomplished at the time of entry. The EAS Registries Web site allows you to edit pretty much all the information that has been entered. Some VA facilities will enter the information into the EAS Registries Web site while the Veteran is sitting in front of them. Other facilities will have the Veteran and the examiner complete the Agent Orange Worksheet on paper form, and then later enter the worksheet data into the EAS Registries Web site. VHA Handbook 1302.01, dated 9/5/06 states: "AOR worksheets and dated follow-up letters must be scanned, or made electronic, and attached to an appropriately titled CPRS progress note."

The registry provides a mechanism to catalogue prominent symptoms, reproductive health, and diagnoses and to communicate with Agent Orange Veterans. VA keeps Veterans informed on research findings or new compensation policies through periodic newsletters. The voluntary, self-selected nature of this registry makes it valuable for health surveillance; however, it is not designed or intended to be a research tool and therefore, the results cannot be generalized to represent all Agent Orange Veterans.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 6,667 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 20 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** Annually.

**Estimated Annual Responses:** 20,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2, that the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses will meet on November 7, 2016, in Room 230 at Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC, from 9:00 a.m.

until 4:00 p.m. (EST). All sessions will be open to the public, and for interested parties who cannot attend in person, there is a toll-free telephone number (800) 767-1750; access code 56978#.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed research studies, research plans, and research strategies relating to the health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Gulf War in 1990-1991.

The Committee will review VA program activities related to Gulf War Veterans' illnesses, and updates on relevant scientific research published since the last Committee meeting. Presentations will include updates on the VA Gulf War research program, along with presentations describing new areas of research that can be applied to the health problems of Gulf War Veterans. Also, there will be a discussion of Committee business and activities.

The meeting will include time reserved for public comments in the afternoon. A sign-up sheet for 5-minute comments will be available at the meeting. Individuals who wish to address the Committee may submit a 1-2 page summary of their comments for inclusion in the official meeting record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for the Committee's review to Dr. Victor Kalasinsky via email at [victor.kalasinsky@va.gov](mailto:victor.kalasinsky@va.gov).

Because the meeting is being held in a government building, a photo I.D. must be presented at the Guard's Desk as a part of the clearance process. Due to an increase in security protocols, and in order to prevent delays in clearance processing, you should allow an additional 30 minutes before the meeting begins. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Dr. Kalasinsky, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 443-5600.

Dated: October 3, 2016.

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