



Wednesday, March 27, 2024

## Toxic Exposure Rule Comment Form

Please read the Toxic Exposure Rule Instructions above for guidance on filling out this comment form.

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### Subject

Toxic Exposure Rule - Add Special Operations Submarines

### Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

Currently a diesel electric submarine must have traveled within 12 nautical miles of Vietnam to qualify for BWN. These submarines ingested copious amounts of air during snorkeling operations, week after week, to operate diesel engines and breathing air for the crew. Drinking water was distilled from surrounding sea water. At least 50 made numerous Westpac trips without ability to qualify as much of there trip itinerary was classified Special Operations, and locations are unavailable. VA claims are denied because proof of locations can't be determined, either in or not within 12 nautical miles. Solution is to approve a claim, when a document with specific locations can not be found and read by qualified person. Benefit of doubt should be given to veteran for presumptive exposure to Agent Orange.

submitted under 28 USC 1746 under penalty of perjury



Friday, March 15, 2024

## Toxic Exposure Rule Comment Form

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### Subject

Toxic Pollution on Carriers

### Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

I served on The USS Oriskany CV/CVA-34 73-74. In 73 our ship (an aircraft carrier) was in and around Yankee Station and The Philippines. In the territorial waters of Vietnam there were combat and mail planes flying in and out of Vietnam and returning to the carrier in which I was stationed on at that time. These planes were washed down on the flight deck were water ran, splattered, and puddled on deck; plus, ran across the deck and along bulkheads and into the water drains or on decks below. Drinking from water fountains aboard the carrier [at times] tasted like oily fuel in the water.

While docked in the Philippines @ Cubic Point there were pallet of barrels leaking chemicals along the pier where myself and many other walked in puddles of liquid; plus, years later waters in Subic Bay and Cubic Point were deemed hazardous disaster areas whereby the United States funded Millions of US dollars to clean up those sites (<https://mandalaprojects.com/ice/ice-cases/subic.htm>); (<http://www.cpeo.org/lists/military/2002/msg00842.html>);

(<http://www.cpeo.org/lists/military/2002/msg00843.html>). The disease I have is Diabetes & High Blood Pressure; plus, my son and my grandson were born with birth defects.

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Monday, March 11, 2024

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### Subject

exposure to toxic while working on flight deck USS Ranger CVA61 1967-1970

### Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

I was a holdback crew member on cat #2 during Flight Opps I had to lay on my back as planes entered the catapult in order to attach the plane to the deck . When they landed the planes they would stag them on our cat fuel and other stuff off the planes mostly jets leaked onto the deck an into the catapult itself. When we launched the next launch the steam from the cat shot would heat up the toxic stuff and turn it to vapor WHICH we all BREATHED into our LUNGS and onto our close and our bodies. At one time while on the alert Five watch they landed a helicopter on the cat which had been shot up by Viet Cong We had to place the sills into the cat tracts it was to late the Agent orange was already on into the cat itself. The cuper drains where the seals were soaked with the fluid our gloves were soaked as was our bodies from all this. We would work the next launch opps in the same close and be exposed to all the same elements again for Days

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Thursday, March 7, 2024

## Toxic Exposure Rule Comment Form

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**Subject**  
Bwn

### Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

Worked the flight deck on the US Ranger CVA 61. I was a plane Captain on an A 7E. Watched C2 Tomcat crash on take off After delivering mail and other supplies .C2 Tomcat landed regularly on daily operations.. washed oily substance from bombers on regular basis as part of my duties.

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Wednesday, February 21, 2024

## Toxic Exposure Rule Comment Form

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**Subject**  
Agent Orange exposure

### Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

USS Galveston CLG3 had evap problems in March 1964 and went to Guam twice to replenish potable water first time from a tanker second time from the Guam municipal water we noticed the sweet taste of the municipal water got used to it and bathed in it made coffee with it brushed our teeth in it,cooked with it .interestingly when we went into Long Beach yards for rebuild some of us had to crawl into the fresh water tanks that fall and scrub off with pneumatic wire brushes all the epoxy coating that was in good shape so they could recoat with aluminum paint many of us had symptoms of agent Orange exposure. The ships log never mentioned the Guam visits. But I and others remember it well.

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Wednesday, February 21, 2024

## Toxic Exposure Rule Comment Form

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### Subject

Flight deck working parties / Ordnance handling

### Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

I was stationed on the USS Coral Sea (CVA-43) from 01 AUG 1967 to 27 MAY 1968. This was the ship's third combat tour and it consisted of five line periods that comprised 132 line days of combat operations. During those periods of being on the "line" it seemed like there were never more than a few days between at-sea replenishments (unreps) where we were taking on either fuel, stores, or armaments ... sometimes more than one unrep in a day. We had no way of knowing if any of the cargo we were loading had been staged in Vietnam, Guam, or somewhere else. I served on many (too many to count) of these working parties where we were moving stores or armaments from the flight deck to the storage areas. During my first two months onboard I spent a short time assigned to G-Div. moving bombs before being assigned to a Zuni rocket crew. We were tasked with loading the rocket pods and, after flight ops we would unload any unused rockets, test the pods, and reload. On 11 OCT 67 I was transferred to S-7 Div. where most of my time onboard entailed processing of flight operations so we had little to do when the planes weren't flying. As a result, most of this "off-time" was spent on the flight deck for whatever diversion we could find whether it be walking around, taking photos of planes, or sunbathing on the flight deck. Any "off-time" we might have during the line periods was spent on Vulture's Row watching flight ops. Basically, we came in contact and touched virtually everything on the ship.

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## Toxic Exposure Rule Comment Form

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### Subject

Blue Water Sailoir

### Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

I was onboard USS CUSK (SS348) during fall of 1968 and beginning of 1969 within 12 miles of the the shore of RVN on Special Operations. The VA is unable to verify the boat's location because of National Security. The location of the boat was classified. Other crew members of USS CUSK (SS348) have attested to the location during the fall of 1968 and the early of 1969.

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Monday, February 19, 2024

## Toxic Exposure Rule Comment Form

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### Subject

BWN

### Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

We were cross contaminated by variety of different methods

1. Air drift it is documented that about 13% of agent orange dropped on Vietnam was carried out to sea in the Gulf of Tonkin exposing ships that were at sea.

2. Inland water ways that were contaminated by Agent Orange spray made its way to the Gulf of Tonkin and the ship's desalination process did not eliminate the toxins during the process, this is backed by the Australian government report that stated that the process actually increased the toxicity of the chemicals.

3. Unreps (underway replenishment) by cargo ships that got supplies from ports in Vietnam such as DaNang the most contaminated port in Vietnam. We received cargo, food supplies, water, fuel and ammunition (bombs) that was heavily contaminated. For example bombs were stored in passage ways to chow halls, we sat on and leaned on as we waited in line to eat.

4. COD deliveries, personnel, equipment, and mail this was on a daily basis all were exposed and contaminated by Agent Orange

5. Laundry all personnel laundry was washed together Aircrew which worked on aircraft and clothing contaminated by Agent Orange off of aircraft they worked on was all washed together contaminating everyone's clothes.

This occurred during my time on either the USS Constellation or USS Kitty Hawk during the 1968 and 1969 WesPac deployments

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Monday, February 19, 2024

## Toxic Exposure Rule Comment Form

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**Subject**  
Blue water navy

### Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

Bon Homme Richard 62-65 flew into pickup supplies for print shop but not in ships logs

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Friday, February 16, 2024

## Toxic Exposure Rule Comment Form

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**Subject**  
BWN comments

### Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

Flight deck crew, loading, unloading aircraft with goods and mail. Always had some type of residue from Aircraft that flew over or landed in South Viet Nam.

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Tuesday, February 13, 2024

## Toxic Exposure Rule Comment Form

Please read the Toxic Exposure Rule Instructions above for guidance on filling out this comment form.

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**Subject**  
BWN

### Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

I was on the flight deck for ops or working party on CVA-34. From 1972-1975. Bomb loader.

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Monday, February 12, 2024

## Toxic Exposure Rule Comment Form

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**Subject**  
BWN Comments

### Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

On or about January 1970 to August 1973, I was on board USS Coral Sea CVA-43 and USS Ranger CVA-61. I was assigned at S-5/Food service division. I was assigned to clean dozens of officer's (Pilot's) stateroom's. I sorted, picked up, and bagged their uniforms, skivvies other clothing's and delivered to Laundry department. I noticed their uniforms/coverall were all filled oily and dark spots. During unrep's at sea I was involved on working party's, loading live heavy munition's carried on my arm's. I was involved in off loading empty s heavy munition's shell's

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### Subject

Direct contact

### Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

Served aboard the USS Constellation and the USS Kitty Hawk both ships were exposed to direct contact of agent orange by means of supplies delivered to ships through unregs ( underway replenishment) that originated in Vietnam produce, bombs, food supplies, contaminated water and mail all exposed to agent orange spraying. Aircraft returning from missions covered with spray, Gulf of Tonkin polluted water that was desalinated by ships desalination process which didn't eliminate toxins food prepared with this water as well as it was our drinking, bathing and laundry water. Bombs were stored in passage ways which we came into contact with they were covered by a sticky layer which had a petroleum smell. This is just a brief description of my contact with agent orange.

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## Toxic Exposure Rule Comment Form

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**Subject**  
BWN COMMENTS

### Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

Being assigned to USS MIDWAY CVA41 V-2 Division. I was part of the crew that launched the aircraft. Oil was everywhere. More likely than not the oil would have mixed with the agent orange used over and around the theater of combat. A method used to a-firm location known as dead reckoning certifies that more likely than not the Midway was within the 12 nautical mile. Agent orange more likely than not was on aircraft launched.

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## Toxic Exposure Rule Comment Form

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**Subject**  
Toxic Exposure

### Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

USS Hancock, 1970. Worked with mail delivery on ship. Worked with food replenishing. Worked with bomb replenishing, uncrating and moving bombs to ordinance people. I was told these crates were kept in country of Vietnam and they were sprayed with agent orange.

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### Subject

Assigned to V-2 Division USS MIDWAY CVA41

### Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

As sailor assigned to USS MIDWAY V-2 division I was part of the catapult crew. We launched the aircraft carrying ordnance used over the theater of combat. Also known as Vietnam. We were more likely than not known to be within the 12 nautical mile as proven by the dead reckoning method.

Clothing and shoes were exposed to different oils.

Some oils were more likely than not exposed to agent orange.

Aircraft more than likely than not passed through agent orange sprayed areas.

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### Subject

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### Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

I was a Plane Captain on F-4J 157261 NH210 on Kitty Hawk CVA-63 from 11/70 to 7/71. I honestly don't recall any sticky substance on the bottom of the fuselage other than engine oil and hydraulic fluid. We did clean the aircraft by hand using waterless cleaner and rags, so if there was any said sticky substance on the aircraft, we would have been exposed to it by direct hand contact. I am rated @100% Permanent and Total Disability for Bladder Cancer.

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**Subject**  
Toxic Exposure

**Toxic Exposure Rule Comments**  
Danang FASU transit by COD to onboard carrier with flightdeck operations.

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### Subject

Toxic Exposure Agent Orange

### Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

Ship: USS Hancock CVA19 (1970-71)  
Job: AK3 Aviation Storekeeper

Worked on the flight deck for ops or working party, (I.e, Unrep, Aviation supply parts handling, etc.)  
Handled aviation supplies, high priority parts, etc. from the daily Carrier onboard delivery (COD) flights.

Diagnosed and treated (over 25 years now) for Four agent orange presumptive illnesses and several secondary illnesses directly connected to those 4 presumptives.

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**Subject**  
BWN comments

### Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

I was on the deck of CVA-31 for unloading COD for supplies for aircraft.  
I have high levels of Agent Orange in my urine, per test from PCP.

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