



Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Toxic Exposure Rule Comment Form

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Subject
Okinawa Exposure

Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

While stationed at Futenma Air Station I drove an inter camp bus. My route visited all the stations on the Island. All the windows on the bus would be down while I drove the roads and the smell of Dioxin was very obvious. Some days more than others. It was a strong petroleum smell from whatever was killing the vegetation along the roads and fences. I was stationed there in late 70-71

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Monday, March 11, 2024

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Subject

Spraying herbicides

Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

Okinawa. USMC 1971. Helped spray herbicides in summer of 1971. My details are contained in the rule making request MVA has filed with the VA. It contains documents and statements of other personnel that were stationed there.

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Thursday, March 7, 2024

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Subject

Guam

Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Brian Moyer, and I witnessed herbicide spraying take place on Guam during my tour of duty aboard the USS Proteus AS-19, which was homeported at Polaris Point, Apra Harbor, Guam. My tour of duty was a two tour as a Sea Duty Marine assigned to marine Detachment USS Proteus AS-19.

I arrived on Guam February 15, 1974, and departed on February 13, 1976. I witnessed spraying take place on many occasions at Polaris Point, Apra Harbor Guam. Those areas that were sprayed with Agent Orange were where we trained, but also along security fences for vegetation control.

Agent Orange was used along the "Pipeline Road" which was a 26-mile-long above ground set of fuel lines that ran from Apra Harbor to the old NAS Agana, Guam and then to Andersen AFB, Yigo, Guam. There are only two fresh water supplies on Guam and they are both contaminated with multiple forever chemicals that were used by the military.

I returned to Guam in October 2019 at the request of the US and Guam EPA and took them around to various locations that I and other credible veterans who had sworn out affidavits for a GAO investigation. This investigation took place in February 2018. Sgt. Major James Kuiken USMC Ret, and I testified in person at the GAO Washington DC offices which was conducted by Brian LePore with Commander John Wells USN Ret present as legal counsel. There were other veterans who also testified by way of conference call during the GAO investigation over a period of several weeks.

Getting back to my return trip to Guam in October 2019. I took the Guam and US EPA soil collection team around various locations up to and including perimeter fence line at Andersen AFB, Yigo, Guam where an elementary school is still in use to this day where Agent Orange spraying had taken place. Every location we went and collected soil samples tested positive for 2,4-D/2,4,5-T, 2,4,5-TP (Silvex) plus 2,3,7,8-TCDD (Dioxin). In one location we went to the dioxin level is 168 times higher than the legal limit.

Many of the sailors and Marines I served with aboard the Proteus have developed the same Agent Orange related illnesses as a "Boots on the Ground Vietnam veteran" and have died and in some cases committed suicide because those veterans who served on Guam were refused there claims by the VA.

Guam is 2000 times more contaminated than the total combined areas of the former Republic of Vietnam which is roughly equal to the size of Massachusetts based on the total square miles of the sprayed areas of Vietnam versus Guam's 210 square miles.

The cancer rates on Guam in some cases have been 125% to 2000 % higher than the US population and

autism is six time higher on Guam than the US mainland. If I am required to testify before any House or Senate Committee with regards to Guam and the usage of the "Rainbow Herbicides" on Guam, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

R/s
Brian Moyer
Sargent Marine Detachment USS Proteus AS-19
Agent Orange Survivors of Guam- Founder
American Legion Post 35 Service Office

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Wednesday, March 6, 2024

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Subject

Agent Orange on Kadena, Okinawa

Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

I cross trained from the 824th Supply Sqd. to 40250 Specialized Disaster Control Team while stationed at Kadena, Okinawa, in 1969. We were trained to detect Chemical, Biological, and Radiological matter, most of which we worked on was Agent Orange. We detected it in and around the base at Kadena used to kill weed growth around walkways, buildings, runways. We also went to Da Nang and Tan Son Nhut on 36 hour tdy's and detected it on fuselages of C-123's and airstrips, in Sept. and Oct. of 1969. Every one of our findings were positive. I also had a fellow airman, Sgt. Allan Davis, in supply sqd. who had checked in many, many barrels of agent orange off of ships and brought to Kadena as well. I have read in news articles since that barrels of used agent orange were found at dumpsites at Kadena. I have been under a cardiologists care for over 20 yrs now for agent orange related heart problems, and had a heart attack in May, 2022, which required "drilling" out hard plaque from my heart arteries before they could introduce stents, which was caused by agent orange. I am still awaiting a positive decision from the VA on my many appeals, the most recent from the VA appeals courts in Maryland. I have a commendation letter from my then Ncoic from working with the Disaster Control Team. Any paperwork from doctors and surgeons that you may need, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your fine work on behalf of all of us veterans!! God bless you! Kenneth Grubbs, Sgt..

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Tuesday, February 27, 2024

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Subject

Agent Orange Okinawa

Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

I saw Okinawans with backpacks spraying around buildings where I worked at Fort Buckner. There was a petroleum smell after spraying and grass didn't grow back, this was in the summer of 1972. I was told it was agent orange that was used in Vietnam

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Thursday, February 29, 2024

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Subject
Okinawa toxic exposure

Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

My husband, HM3, FMF Corpsman Steven Wesley, was stationed in Okinawa during the fall of 1973 until his discharge in May of 1974. He indicated on many occasions seeing men with backpack sprayers going around the buildings to defoliate the area. The chemical was stored in shacks throughout the base. There is a picture in the BAS of the guys sitting around with an orange barrel in the room.

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Subject
Okinawa 1974

Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

While I was stationed on Okinawa, at Camp Hansen, in the Summer of 1974, I did witness Marines carrying metal pump up sprayers strapped to their backs spraying around the perimeter fences of this base. The marines would refill their spray packs from a truck that carried a large metal container on flat bed trucks. The material they were using had a diesel smell and left the ground and plant life soaked with a oily base material. The grass would turn brown the day it was sprayed, shrink up and die. Also, while I was on Okinawa in the year of 1974, there were large fish kills in the waters surrounding the Island from local bases. At that time the native people who lived on the island were complaining to our base commanders about the fish kills, and said that chemicals were leaking into the water from our bases and killing the fish. This was documented by several news paper reporters, and also on local TV channels. Marines at that time on Okinawa Marine bases were instructed by company commanders to not swim in these waters or visit the shorelines where thousands of fish were dying.

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Monday, March 4, 2024

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Subject

Herbicides in Okinawa

Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

Daily Exposure to Benzene and Herbicide

I was assigned and arrived at Okinawa, Kadena Air Base January 8, 1965 824th Air Police Squadron D Flight on Camp

Kinser at the end of Kadena Air Base. Kadena Air Base served as the Pentagon's key transport hub for the Southeast.

There were 1 million flights in and out of Kadena during the Vietnam War making it one of the busiest airports of that

time. Kadena Air Base and the adjacent ammunition depot at Chibana stored 800 nuclear warheads which were

loaded on to the F105s, and C130s. From January 8, 1965 until August 8, 1966 I guarded planes on the flight line and

parked round the runways and in the hangers . There were 100 -200 flights per day. My job placed me in the middle of

them.

The Vegetation on Okinawa was prolific and herbicide was applied to the area regularly to keep the area clear. Prior to

take offs, planes were started , running and blowing exhaust. Consequently, I breathed in diesel fuel, jet exhaust, benzene, herbicide, and kicked-up herbicide-soaked dirt. Part of the assets I guarded included

C123s, F105s,

and C130s loaded with nuclear bombs. The radiation required using dosimeters.

Between Jan 1965 and Aug 1966, I was exposed on a near daily basis to 100 - 200 landings and takeoffs.

The take

offs and landings kicked up dirt constantly, therefore we inhaled fuel, chemical and herbicide-soaked dirt.

This means I

breathed in the fumes, vapors and herbicide-soaked dirt from 100 – 200 flights a day.

As noted in my previous letter, in addition to inhaling the fumes , the planes leaked. They leaked fuel, oils and whatever

liquid leaked from the drums on the planes. We walked through deep puddles of leaking chemicals.

This occurred every day I was duty from January 1965 until July 1966

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Wednesday, February 21, 2024

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Subject

Okinawa Exposure to Toxic Substances

Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

In January 1975 I was assigned to the 58th Signal Battalion, Okinawa, Japan to December 1975 when I separated from service. I was assigned barracks in buildings on Camp Zukeran, and assigned to the Ft. Buckner Communications Command.

We were transported via bus from the barracks. The buses were not air conditioned and due to the subtropical climate, to avoid getting overheated during transport, the windows were open. On a regular basis during transportation to the communications complex, I would witness individuals wearing protective gear and backpacks spraying the vegetation in order to keep the roads clear. Some of the spray would blow through the windows where I would come into contact to the toxic chemical in the backpack. Additional exposure occurred while walking through sprayed vegetation on my way from the barracks to the bus pick up location for transport to the duty site.

Additionally, I came into contact with encroaching vegetation sprayed with an herbicide such as Agent Orange, or Agent Pink around our barracks, while using recreational areas, performing calisthenics. On one day were transported to a and at the Marine Corps firing range (Camp Hanson?) in order to fulfill our annual weapons firing with the M16. While at the firing range the range sergeant warned us about getting into the vegetation surrounding us as it was contaminated with toxins.

Our billets had a mess hall on the ground level and the and to keep the building free of rodents, pests, and encroaching vegetation I witnessed the area being with toxic substances which.

I was unaware of the dangers associated with the spraying of the vegetation because the Command, from the Commanding Officer down to the Senior Enlisted Staff, never provided warnings to the troops as to the danger associated with coming into contact with the toxins being used to control intruding vegetation at the communications compound and our barracks. Since there were no warnings or advisories given to troops, I was not aware I needed to report exposure. The military used toxic chemicals we were unknowingly exposed to.

I am now being treated for my third primary cancer due this exposure. For this reason my Oncologist has written a Nexus Letter stating not having any known risk factors in her professional opinion,"it is more likely than not" that my conditions are a direct result of exposure to toxic defoliants during my military service.

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Sunday, February 18, 2024

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Subject

Okinawa Comments

Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

As my memory recalls, in the years 1974/75 while stationed at Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan, I clearly remember trucks/trailers roaming in and around Kadena spraying a pesticide that from being told by another G.I. that the chemical being sprayed was believed to be Agent Orange or Dioxin. The spray was very uncomfortable as my eyes watered and burned and it took my breath away. I also recall the water had a hue and smell to it that didn't seem right.

There has been much evidence presented by service members who attest to this chemical being used and stored on Okinawa. I feel Okinawa should be included in the list of countries with a presumptive rating that includes Agent Orange.

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Wednesday, February 14, 2024

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Subject

Agent Orange-Okinawa

Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

Please contact John Wells for a copy of BVA decision on my CAD related to Agent Orange from my Air Force service from 1968-1971 at Kadena AFB, Okinawa granted in 2023.

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Monday, February 12, 2024

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Subject

Okinawa

Toxic Exposure Rule Comments

Stationed in Okinawa February 1970 - 1971. Work parties that transported 55 gal barrels with orange stripes to various base locations to be used as a defoliant around HFDF antenna fence used on Kadena AFB. Tori's Station, and many other bases on Okinawa. I was told what barrels contained by numerous people.

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