



Military Occupational/Environmental Health and Medical Surveillance Subcommittee Update

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Chair**



Overview

- **Subcommittee Membership**
- **Subcommittee Charges and Status**
 - Review of Department of Defense Centers for Deployment Health Research and Clinical Center-**"MCS"**
 - Questions posed by the Inspector General-**"Chromate-Quarmat Ali"**
 - ASD(HA) request for review-**"Burn Pit"**
- **Questions**



Subcommittee Membership

- **Dr. William Halperin, Chair**
- **Dr. Gary Carlson**
- **Dr. John Herbold**
- **Dr. Edward Kaplan***
- **Dr. Wayne Lednar**
- **Dr. James Lockey**
- **Dr. Russell Luepker***
- **Dr. Thomas Mason**
- **Dr. Michael Oxman***
- **Dr. Alan Russell**



Subcommittee Charges and Status: Review of DoD Centers

- **September 17, 2002 request by Dr. Winkenwerder, the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs (ASD(HA)), to:**
 - Meet with the DoD Centers for Deployment Health Research and Clinical Center Directors to receive mission briefs
 - Develop, in coordination with the Directors, an appropriate strategy to accomplish an ongoing program review and appointment of an AFEB Select Subcommittee (Military Occupational/Environmental Health and Medical Surveillance Subcommittee) to serve as a public health advisory board for the DoD Research and Clinical Centers for Deployment Health



Subcommittee Charges and Status: Review of DoD Centers

- **Deployment Health Research Center**
 - Completed review of DHRC following site visit on May 11-12, 2010
 - Subcommittee recommendations presented at August 18-19, 2010 DHB meeting and approved by the DHB Core Board
 - “Review of the Department of Defense Center for Deployment Health Research Center” finalized on August 18, 2010



Subcommittee Charges and Status: Review of DoD Centers

- **Review of Deployment Health Clinical Center (DHCC) at Walter Reed and the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center (AFHSC) at Aberdeen Proving Ground: awaiting scheduling for preliminary visits**



Subcommittee Charges and Status: Questions Posed by the IG

- **On 25 June 2010, the Office of the Inspector General (IG) requested input and comments on questions posed by the IG regarding the Qarmat Ali water treatment plant in Iraq**
- **Committee response sent Sept 16, 2010**



Subcommittee Charges and Status: ASD(HA) Request

- **19 July 2010 requests by the ASD(HA) for the Subcommittee to review the following:**
 - DoD Report on a Theater Air Monitoring Plan
 - Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center’s “Epidemiological Studies of Health Outcomes among Troops Deployed to Burn Pit Sites”
- **Teleconference held on 10 Sept 2010 to discuss way ahead in conducting reviews**



Subcommittee Charges and Status: ASD(HA) Request

- **Subcommittee membership to be supplemented with subject matter expert (SMEs) in the fields of:**
 - Epidemiology
 - Clinical occupational medicine
 - Exposure assessment
 - Chemical/toxicology
 - Industrial hygiene
 - **Subcommittee :awaiting scheduling**



Questions?