

PEASE HEALTH WORKING GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

DISCUSSION

- Introduction
- Review of meeting minutes
 - Approval of minutes granted
- PFC Study by ATSDR
 - Pease community will be first location to be studied
 - This will give foundational information for multi-site study, which will be separate
 - SM who originally had blood testing done will be contacted first for study by ATSDR study contractors
 - Media methods for community outreach to get remaining sample population for study
 - Are there barriers that may deter members from volunteering for study?
 - Important to ensure members volunteer (message to SM should encourage participation)
 - 6 more bases will then be studied for multi-site study
- Draft for request to NGB for study review
 - Concerns that the most current draft reads that PFOA/PFOS are the primary concern, with HAZMAT being the secondary focal point
 - Edits are suggested to be made that will amplify concern for occupational health exposures (HAZMAT)
 - NGB asks to clarify that this study is not a toxicology testing request, if hazardous materials are listed out
 - NGB addressed changes
 - Brevity
 - Confusion in communication
 - Following DOD guidance in language and formatting
 - Effort to stress interest in cancer links to PFOA/PFOS as other study is focused on chronic disease
 - Unanimous decision to change language of draft to encompass a higher level of importance regarding HAZMAT and other potential exposures in water that are not PFOA/PFOS
 - NGB

MEETING DETAILS

Date: 27 February 2019

Time: 1330

Location: Pease ANGB, NH

Agenda:

- Review and approve meeting minutes
- PFC Study on Pease
- Response from Secretary of VA
- Report back on action items
- Review Sub-committees
- Media Updates
- Future Listening Session
- Adjourn-

Attendees:

Maj Derek Brindisi
CMSgt Matthew Heiman
LtC Robert Piotrowski
TSgt Marc Fillion
SSgt Sarah Davidson
Karen Craver
William Gaudreau
Mindi Messmer
Doris Brock
Nancy Eaton
Peter Clark
Patrick Carroll
Kerry Holmes

PHONE:

Major Mark Paine, NGB
Lt Col Williams, NGB

- Ensures that study is pliable and that if expectations are not met by the generated plan for the study, USAFSAM will take critiques to improve product
- Review of Action Items
 - William Gaudreau
 - Claims can be made now through the Office of Veteran Services
 - Letter is almost ready for review and approval to have easy claim submission process on website
 - Provide information on site
 - Place on site to post meeting minutes for public access
 - Ask the Question
 - Amy Cook to be added to sub-committee
 - Submitted survey to NGB
 - NGB
 - Asked for description on families and dependents' involvement on base
 - Mindi Messner and Doris Brock will follow-up
 - TSgt Fillion
 - Working on obtaining more information on TCE contamination
- Sub-committees
 - Maj Brindisi
 - Staff support for committees will be provided by SSgt Davidson and TSgt Fillion
 - Email contact lists will be created and coordination for first meetings will be made to set date within next 4 weeks
 - Goal Statements for committees
 - No current suggestions
- Media Updates
 - Doris Brock
 - Too many platforms for information distribution
 - Maj Brindisi suggests working on this issue in the sub-committee
- Community Listening Session
 - It was expressed at the first session, that there would be another in the future
 - Chief Heiman will confer with Col Pogorek regarding date for next session
 - Suggestion for summer time frame
- Response from Congress should be received in about a week or so
 - Letter will be sent to Office of Veteran Services
- Next meeting
 - April 10, 2019 at 1:30pm
 - JFHQ, Concord, NH

For any questions or concerns regarding the information above, please contact SSgt Sarah Davidson at sarah.e.davidson9.mil@mail.mil

List of Acronyms and Abbreviations:

- ANG – Air National Guard
- DOD – Department of Defense
- HAZMAT – Hazardous Material
- JFHQ – Joint-force Headquarters
- NGB – National Guard Bureau
- PFC – Perfluorinated Chemicals
- PFOA – Perfluorooctanoic Acid
- PFOS – Perfluorooctane Sulfonate
- SM – Service Member
- TCE – Trichloroethylene
- USAFSAM – United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine
- VA – Veteran Affairs