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SYSTEM NAME:

Persian Gulf Veterans Illnesses Files
(August 23, 1995, 60 FR 43774).

CHANGES

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SYSTEM LOCATION:

Add the following four paragraphs 'Comprehensive Clinical Evaluation Program, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Skyline 1, Suite 1135, Falls Church, VA 22041-3802.

Commander, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, ATTN: MCHB-DE-HR, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5422.

U.S. Army Joint Services Support Group, 7798 Cissna Road, Suite 101, Springfield, VA 22150-3197.
Naval Health Research Center, Division of Clinical Epidemiology, 271 Catalina Boulevard, Barracks Building 322, San Diego, CA 92152-5302.'

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SYSTEM LOCATION:

Department of Defense Persian Gulf Veterans Illnesses Investigative Team, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3881; and Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), 1200 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1200.

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CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals who served in Operation Desert Storm and/or Operation Desert Shield who feel they may have been

exposed to biological, chemical, disease, or environmental agents. Those individuals may contact the Persian Gulf Veterans Illnesses Investigative Team by dialing 1-800-472-6719 to report experiences of unusual illness or health conditions following service during the Persian Gulf conflict.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Records consist of individual's name, Social Security Number or service number, last known or current address, occupational information, date and extent of involvement in Persian Gulf military operations, perceived exposure information, medical treatment information, medical history of subject, and other documentation of reports of possible exposure to biological, chemical, disease, or environmental agents.

The system contains information from unit and historical records and information provided to the Department of Defense by individuals with first-hand knowledge of reports of possible biological, chemical, disease, or environmental incidents.

Information from health care providers who have evaluated patients with illnesses possibly related to service in the Persian Gulf is also included. Records include those documents, files, and other matter in the medical, operational, and intelligence communities that could relate to possible causes of Persian Gulf War Veterans illnesses.

Records of diagnostic and treatment methods pursued on subjects following reports of possible incidental exposure are also included in this system.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

10 U.S.C. 131, 10 U.S.C. 136, and E.O. 9397.

PURPOSE(S):

Records are collected and assembled to permit investigative examination and analysis of reports of possible exposure to biological, chemical, disease, or environmental agents incident to service in the Persian Gulf War and to conduct scientific or related studies or medical follow-up programs.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

To the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Social Security Administration

for appropriate consideration of individual claims for benefits for which that agency is responsible.

The 'Blanket Routine Uses' set forth at the beginning of OSD's compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Paper records are maintained in file folders; electronic records are stored on magnetic media; microfilm/microfiche are maintained in appropriate storage containers.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are retrieved by case number, name, Social Security Number or service number.

SAFEGUARDS:

Access to areas where records maintained is limited to authorized personnel. Areas are protected by access control devices during working hours and intrusion alarm devices during non-duty hours.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Files will be retained permanently. They will be maintained in the custody of the Persian Gulf Veterans Illnesses Investigative Team under the oversight of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) until completion of the Team's investigative mission. Upon disbanding of the Team, custody of the records will be transferred to OASD(HA) where they will be held for five years, and then transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), 1200 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1200.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Director, Persian Gulf War Veterans Illnesses Investigative Team, Suite 810, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3881, or to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), 1200 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1200.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking access to records about themselves contained in this system of records should address written inquiries to the Director, Persian Gulf War Veterans Illnesses Investigative Team, Suite 810, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-