**PACT Act Fact Sheet**

The PACT Act is broken into 4 separate areas based on location and toxins specific to those regions.

<http://pactactinfo.org>

**Vietnam: (Agent Orange)**

Adds locations to include:

Laos *(1 December 1965 – 30 September 1969)*

Cambodia (Mimot, Krek or Kampong Cham Provinces) *(16 April 1969 – 30 April 1969)*

Guam or American Samoa (including territorial waters) *(9 January 1962 – 31 July 1980)*

Johnston Atoll (including port-of-call) *(1 January 1972 – 30 September 1977)*

Thailand (Royal Thai and US Military Bases) *(9 January 1962 – 30 June 1976)*

The act adds Hypertension and MGUS to the list of conditions linked to exposure to Agent Orange.

Full List:

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| AL Amyloidosis | Bladder Cancer | Chronic B-Cell Leukemia |
| Chloracne\*\* | Type II Diabetes Mellitus | Hypertension\* |
| Hodgkin’s Disease | Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma | Hyperthyroidism |
| Ischemic Heart Disease | MGUS\* | Multiple Myeloma |
| Parkinsonism | Parkinson’s Disease | Peripheral Neuropathy\*\* |
| Porphyria Cutanea | Prostate Cancer | Respiratory Cancers |
| Soft Tissue Sarcomas |  |  |

*\*\* Must manifest within one year of exposure*

https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/

**Persian Gulf, Gulf War, Post 9/11 (Burn Pits and Environmental Toxins)**

2 August 1990 – (TBD):

Afghanistan Jordan Uzbekistan

Djibouti Lebanon Yemen

Egypt Syria Airspace above these locations

11 September 2001 – (TDB):

Bahrain Iraq Kuwait

Oman Qatar Saudi Arabia

Somalia UAE Airspace above these locations

Cancers:

Brain Gastrointestinal Cancer (any) Glioblastoma

Head Cancer (any) Kidney Cancer Lymphatic Cancer (any)

Lymphoma (any) Melanoma Neck Cancer (any)

Pancreatic Cancer Reproductive Cancer (any) Respiratory Cancer

Illnesses:

Asthma Chronic Bronchitis COPD

Chronic Rhinitis Chronic Sinusitis Constrictive Bronchiolitis

Emphysema Granulomatous Disease Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD)

Pleuritis Pulmonary Fibrosis Sarcoidosis

10 years free VA Health Care for Service Members (including National Guard and Reserves) discharged between 11 September 2001 – 1 October 2013

(If have not previously used)

Open Enrollment 1 October 2023 – 1 October 2024

**Ionizing Radiation Exposure (38 CFR 3.311) (Radiation Exposed)**

Locations:

Enewetok Atoll Cleanup (1 January 1977 – 31 December 1980)

Palomares, Spain Cleanup (17 January 1966 – 25 September 1968)

Thule, Greenland Cleanup (21 January 1968 – 25 September 1968)

Full List:

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| --- | --- |
| Participated in Atmospheric Nuclear Weapons Testing | Post-War (WW II) Occupation of Hiroshima or Nagasaki |
| POW in Japan | Underground Nuclear Weapons Testing at Amchitka Island, Alaska |
| Worked a Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Paducah, KY | Worked a Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Portsmouth, OH |
| Worked a Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Oakridge, TN | Atomic or Nuclear Weapons Testing defined in 38 CFR 3.309 (3) |

Conditions:

Thyroid Cancer Breast Cancer Lung Cancer

Bone Cancer Liver Cancer Skin Cancer

Esophageal Cancer Stomach Cancer Colon Cancer

Pancreatic Cancer Kidney Cancer Bladder Cancer

Salivary Gland Cancer Multiple Myeloma Posterior Subcapsular Cataracts

Ovarian Cancer Parathyroid Cancer Prostate Cancer

**Camp Lejeune Contaminated Water (Contaminated Water)**

Locations:

Camp Lejeune

New River MCAS

\*Must have served at least 30 cumulative days between 1 August 1653 and 31 December 1987

Conditions:

Adult Leukemia Aplastic Anemia Bladder Cancer

Kidney Cancer Liver Cancer Multiple Myeloma

Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma Parkinson’s Other Myelodysplastic Syndromes

Lawsuit:

No decisions nor preliminary awards have been made. Current law limits lawyers to collect no more than 50% of any retroactive awards (VA Cap on retroactive awards for lawyers is 20%).

There will be offsets, but no definitions of the offsets have been made. Offset could be limited to compensation received or could also include value of VA Healthcare.

The offsets could also include Social Security Disability Compensation and/or Medicare/Medicaid care received.

It is possible an awardee could see any monetary award negated by the offsets, but still owe a fee to a lawyer.

We advise wait until the offsets are defined and rulings issued before signing with any lawyers. Check with your VSO for any updates.