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VA Extends “Agent Orange” Benefits to More Veterans Parkinson’s Disease, Two Other Illnesses Recognized

Relying on an independent study by the Institute of Medicine, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki decided to establish a service-connection for Vietnam Veterans with three specific illnesses based on the latest evidence of an association with the herbicides referred to Agent Orange. The illnesses affected by the recent decision are B cell leukemia’s, such as hairy cell leukemia; Parkinson’s disease; and ischemic heart disease. There are several other illnesses recognized under VA’s “presumption” rule as being caused by exposure to herbicides during the Vietnam War.

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