

AGENT ORANGE COMMITTEE

Vietnam Veterans of America

New York State Council

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To:

All NYS Chapter Presidents and
Agent Orange Committee Chairpersons

From:

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Subject:

Environmental Protection Agency's
Reassessment of Dioxin Toxicity

Date:

April 8, 1992

The following is an addendum to the March 16th, 1992 memo concerning the Environmental Protection Agency's reassessment of dioxin toxicity.

The EPA recently announced that it will conduct a one-day meeting to provide the public with a brief orientation on the current status of its Scientific Reassessment of Dioxin. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28th, 1992, from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will be held at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Education Center Auditorium, Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC.

Members of the public wishing to comment during the meeting may request a time by calling Environmental Management Support, Inc., at telephone number (301) 589-0885 no later than 5:00 p.m. [EST] Monday, April 27th, 1992. Only those individuals or organizations that are assigned a time in advance of the meeting will be permitted to give a verbal comment. Comments will be limited to not more than 5 minutes in duration and only about 30 people will be accommodated to comment during the meeting.

Members of the public may also submit written comments and other materials relevant to EPA's reassessment of dioxin by mail to:

Environmental Management Support, Inc.
1010 Wayne Ave., Suite 200
Silver Springs Maryland 20910
Attention: Dioxin Reassessment

The EPA is asking the public to address subject matter, either orally or written, not previously submitted to a similar meeting held on November 15th, 1991. The EPA is specifically requesting information comprising:

- New scientific data relevant to the reassessment of dioxin not previously submitted to the Agency in response to the November 15th, 1991 meeting.
- Any on going or recently published scientific research in this area.
- Any scientific or technical interpretation and analysis of data relevant to the dioxin reassessment.
- Suggestions for additional public participation and involvement in EPA's reassessment of dioxin.

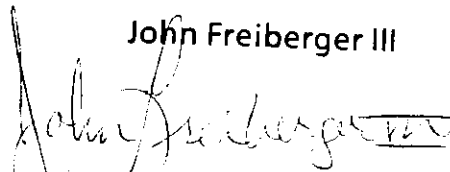
The EPA's reassessment of dioxin is comprised of 5 basic parts including:

1. Development of a biologically based dose response model for dioxin to estimate human health risks.
2. Supporting research to the development of a new dose response model.
3. Update and revision of the *Health Assessment Document for Dioxin*.
4. Update and revision of the *Dioxin Exposure Assessment Document*.
5. Supporting research to characterize ecological risks of dioxin in aquatic ecosystems, and the development of an *Ecological Risk Characterization Report*.

Please be alert for any and all media coverage concerning this meeting. Copies of printed news media articles will be graciously accepted from your chapter delegates attending the next New York State Council meeting of the Vietnam Veterans of America commencing May 2nd in Saratoga, N.Y.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this subject matter, please contact me. With best regards.

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