

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

**AGENCY:** Special Oversight Board for Department of Defense Investigations of Gulf War Chemical and Biological Incidents, Department of Defense

**ACTION:** Notice

**SUMMARY:** The Board will conduct a four-hour public meeting to discuss its activities since November; to solicit recommendations from veterans service organizations; to receive a presentation on government-sponsored research dealing with neurological damage; and to receive first-hand accounts from Gulf War veterans about potential environmental exposures such as pesticides and tent heaters encountered during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

**DATE:** April 22, 1999

**ADDRESS:** Buena Vista Theater, Buena Vista Street Building, University of Texas at San Antonio, 501 West Durango Boulevard, San Antonio, TX 78207

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact Mr. Roger Kaplan, Deputy Executive Director, Special Oversight Board, 1401 Wilson Blvd, Suite 401, Arlington, VA 22209, phone (703) 696-9470, fax (703) 696-4062, or via Email at [Gulfsyn@osd.pentagon.mil](mailto:Gulfsyn@osd.pentagon.mil)  
Requests for oral comments must be sent in writing to Mr. Kaplan and be received no later than noon Eastern Time on Thursday April 15, 1999. Written comments must be received no later than Friday April 9, 1999. Copies of the draft meeting agenda can be obtained by contacting Ms. Sandra Simpson at (703) 696-9464 or at the above fax number or above Email.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The hearing is scheduled for 6-10 p.m. CDT. Seating at the Buena Vista Theater is limited, and spaces will be reserved only for scheduled speakers. The remaining seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 5:00 p.m. CDT. The Special Oversight Board expects that public statements presented at its meeting will deal only with first-hand experiences with potential environmental exposures (such as pesticides, oil well fires, tent heaters, etc.) encountered during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Board interest is focused on Department of Defense investigations of Gulf War chemical and biological incidents. Clinical and health benefit issues remain outside the scope of the Board's responsibilities under Executive Order No. 13075. In general, each individual making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of five minutes. Written comments received after April 10 will be mailed to Board members after the adjournment of the San Antonio meeting.