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General Comment

Sir/Madam

I am a US Army Veteran exposed to Toxic Exposure while serving at Ft. McClellan, AL 1985-1986. This has been documented and proven to be a MAJOR contamination site.

The lack of respect and acknowledgement from the Government on females being exposed to Chemical and Toxic Exposure MUST stop.

In 2011 I spoke with the Chemical Exposure part of the Va Clinic in Las Vegas, NV and was not only refused testing for Toxic Chemicals, I was refused to be added on the registry.

Three months ago I was denied a ride to the NE Clinic on a DAV van from Laughlin to Las Vegas for my doctors appointment. Although I informed the driver I was a Veteran he refused to take me. It was later found out that he ASSUMED I was lying in order to get a free ride to Vegas. This kind of INSULTING attitudes is one of many obstacles that we females still face in the 20th century on a day to day basis.

Where is OUR Autoimmune Disease Identification for female exposure? Where is our tracking for women's Issues pertaining to premature births and reproductive deformities?

Fort McClellan, Alabama female Veterans are being ignored and scoffed at. The lack of Importance is insulting. We were exposed. It is written and proven.

We as male and female Soldiers/Veterans deserve to be informed when we are potentially tested or exposed to ANY type toxic chemicals so that we can be monitored and assisted with health issues.

We are Grandmothers, Mothers and Daughters
WE WILL NOT STAND DOWN

Veterans Health Administration, Women's Health Services Public Comment Response:

"Dear Ms. Mullaney,

Thank you for your service. VA is aware that exposure to chemicals, primarily PCB, may have occurred in Anniston, Alabama, nearby Fort McClellan. The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is sponsoring studies on potential health effects. Information is available at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov>.

VA is also aware that Fort McClellan was the site of outdoor training use of small quantities of chemical agents (mainly mustard agent). VA is monitoring these issues. You are encouraged to submit a compensation claim for any health condition you have that you believe is related to your service at Fort McClellan.

We also are concerned about your experience as a woman Veteran using Transportation and other services. We will have a member of our Women's Health Services contact you directly to discuss these issues. We encourage Veterans to discuss their concerns with the Women Veteran Program Manager at their local facility. Here is the link to find all local VA facilities:

http://www.va.gov/landing2_locations.htm.

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