

Veterans interested in learning more about any potential long-term health effects of DoD's Cold War-era chemical testing programs can find three detailed reports conducted in the 1980s by the National Research Council (NRC) that are available online through National Academy Press.

The reports were originated after the Army asked NRC's Committee on Toxicology in 1980 to study possible chronic or adverse health effects incurred by Service members who were exposed to chemicals in military research lab tests in Edgewood, Maryland, from 1955-1975.

NRC panels of expert epidemiologists reviewed the Edgewood studies, records and available data on the five major categories of chemicals involved, as well as a survey of the volunteers tested for any long-term or delayed health effects they might have sustained.

DoD officials hope that in addition to the health content about chemical and biological exposures on FHP&R's Web sites, veterans might find the NRC reports to be another valuable source of information. The three reports are located on the National Academy Press Web site here:

“Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Short-Term Exposure to Chemical Agents, Volume 1 - Anticholinesterases and Anticholinergics” (1982):
http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=740&page=R1

“Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Short-Term Exposure to Chemical Agents, Volume 2 – Cholinesterase Reactivators, Psychochemicals, and Irritants and Vesicants” (1984):
http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=9136&page=R1

“Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Short-Term Exposure to Chemical Agents, Volume 3 - Final Report: Current Health Status of Test Subjects” (1985)
http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=9984&page=R1