Military Occupational/Environmental Health and Medical Surveillance Subcommittee Update

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Chair
Overview

• Subcommittee Membership
• Subcommittee Charges and Status
  – Review of Department of Defense Centers for Deployment Health Research and Clinical Center-”MCS”
  – Questions posed by the Inspector General-”Chromate-Quarmat Ali”
  – ASD(HA) request for review-”Burn Pit”

• Questions
Subcommittee Membership

- Dr. William Halperin, Chair
- Dr. Gary Carlson
- Dr. John Herbold
- Dr. Edward Kaplan*
- Dr. Wayne Lednar
- Dr. James Lockey
- Dr. Russell Luepker*
- Dr. Thomas Mason
- Dr. Michael Oxman*
- Dr. Alan Russell
Subcommittee Charges and Status: Review of DoD Centers

• September 17, 2002 request by Dr. Winkenwerder, the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs (ASD(HA)), to:
  – Meet with the DoD Centers for Deployment Health Research and Clinical Center Directors to receive mission briefs
  – Develop, in coordination with the Directors, an appropriate strategy to accomplish an ongoing program review and appointment of an AFEB Select Subcommittee (Military Occupational/Environmental Health and Medical Surveillance Subcommittee) to serve as a public health advisory board for the DoD Research and Clinical Centers for Deployment Health
Subcommittee Charges and Status: Review of DoD Centers

• Deployment Health Research Center
  – Completed review of DHRC following site visit on May 11-12, 2010
  – Subcommittee recommendations presented at August 18-19, 2010 DHB meeting and approved by the DHB Core Board
  – “Review of the Department of Defense Center for Deployment Health Research Center” finalized on August 18, 2010
Subcommittee Charges and Status: Review of DoD Centers

• Review of Deployment Health Clinical Center (DHCC) at Walter Reed and the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center (AFHSC) at Aberdeen Proving Ground: awaiting scheduling for preliminary visits
On 25 June 2010, the Office of the Inspector General (IG) requested input and comments on questions posed by the IG regarding the Qarmat Ali water treatment plant in Iraq.

Subcommittee Charges and Status: ASD(HA) Request

• 19 July 2010 requests by the ASD(HA) for the Subcommittee to review the following:
  – DoD Report on a Theater Air Monitoring Plan
  – Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center’s “Epidemiological Studies of Health Outcomes among Troops Deployed to Burn Pit Sites”

• Teleconference held on 10 Sept 2010 to discuss way ahead in conducting reviews
Subcommittee Charges and Status: ASD(HA) Request

- Subcommittee membership to be supplemented with subject matter expert (SMEs) in the fields of:
  - Epidemiology
  - Clinical occupational medicine
  - Exposure assessment
  - Chemical/toxicology
  - Industrial hygiene
  - Subcommittee: awaiting scheduling
Questions?