



**PRESENTATION TO
ADVISORY BOARD ON
VETERANS AND DOSE
RECONSTRUCTION**

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VBDR RECOMMENDATIONS

- Six recommendations
- Four recommendations accepted
- One recommendation not accepted
- One Recommendation clarified

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Accepted Recommendations

Recommendation 1: VA should provide NTPR with adjudicated claim outcomes.

Status: VA will provide aggregated outcomes by type of disability to NTPR. The Privacy Act precludes providing claim specific outcomes

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Recommendations Continued

Recommendation 2: VBDR recommended that VA grant presumptive service connection for basal cell skin cancers and melanomas under 38 CFR 3.309

Status: The recommendation was not accepted

Recommendations Continued

Recommendation 3: VBDR recommends that the processing of radiation claims be centralized

Status: Recommendation accepted

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Recommendations Continued

Recommendation 4: VBDR recommends that VA automatically place all veterans with validated radiation exposure into the Ionizing Radiation Registry

Status: Recommendation accepted. Technical issues being worked out

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Recommendations Continued

Recommendation 5: VBDR recommends that VA award service connection retroactively to the date of initial claim for all current and future additions to the presumptive list

Status: The recommendation clarified. Veterans entitled to up to one year retroactivity when a new presumptive is added.

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Recommendations Continued

Recommendation 6: VBDR recommends that VA improve interaction and communication with Atomic Veterans. Samples of letters provided

Status: VA accepts the recommendation.

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Consolidation

- Jackson Regional Office
- Just over 2,100 claims files have been referred to Jackson
- 366 files yet to be transferred
- Jurisdiction over all issues in the claim

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Brochure

VBDR developed brochure to be used in all new claims

Workload

Dose reconstruction claims are the oldest in the inventory. We anticipate a significant reduction in these claims in the coming months.

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QUESTIONS

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