

## **Scope of Work for the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction Subcommittee on Alternative Methods for Dose Reconstruction (SC5)**

### **Purpose:**

The Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction (VBDR) was formed in response to a Congressional mandate in Section 601 of Public Law 108-183, the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003 which was enacted into law on December 16, 2003. The Public Law specifies that the VBDR shall provide independent review and oversight of the Dose Reconstruction Program for atomic veterans. Actions of the VBDR shall include the following under Public Law 108-183:

- (A) conduct periodic, random audits of dose reconstructions and decisions on claims for radiogenic diseases under the Dose Reconstruction Program;
- (B) assist the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency in communicating to veterans information on the mission, procedures, and evidentiary requirements of the Dose Reconstruction Program; and
- (C) carry out such other activities with respect to the review and oversight of the Dose Reconstruction Program as the Secretaries shall jointly specify.

The Public Law further states that "The advisory board may make such recommendations on modifications in the mission or procedures of the Dose Reconstruction Program as the advisory board considers appropriate as a result of the audits conducted under paragraph (A) above."

This Subcommittee (SC5) will serve to facilitate the work of VBDR by providing a proposal for an alternative methodology for dose reconstruction process that is more equitable and less costly. The Subcommittee will also provide recommendations on modifications of the dose reconstruction procedures as the advisory board considers appropriate as a result of the audits conducted by the VBDR Subcommittee on DTRA Dose Reconstruction Procedures (SC1) as specified under paragraph (3)(A) in section 601 of Public Law 108-183. The activities of SC5 will meet a requirement of item (4) in Section 601 of Public Law 108-183.

### **Membership:**

The Subcommittee on Alternative Methods for Dose Reconstruction will consist of a chair (Ronald Blanck), and five other members of the VBDR (Harold Beck, Kenneth Groves, Patricia Fleming, and John Lathrop).

### **Function:**

The Subcommittee will perform the following tasks:

1. Formulate a proposal to improve the expedited process for the atomic veterans. This can be done by exploring the options for alternative methods for dose reconstruction.
2. Prepare a summary of the Subcommittee's findings and recommendations for Board consideration and approval.