

Update on VA Radiation Claims Compensation Program for Veterans

***Brief for Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose
Reconstruction***

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Subcommittee 2 Visit to Jackson Regional Office – February 22, 2010

Radiation Claims pending – 683

- **With DTRA - 87**
- **With VACO - 102**
- **With Military Services – 100 (approximate)**
- **With RO in development/pending authorization - 394**





VA CLAIMS PROCEDURES

Recommendation

Status

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| ➤ Centralize Radiation Adjudication | Done – Jackson, MS |
| ➤ Establish Centralized Database | Done – Excel at Jackson |
| ➤ Grant SC Retroactive to Initial Claim | Not Accepted – Contrary to law |
| ➤ Ensure Jackson has Adequate Resources | Done – Team re-established |





ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF DOSE RECONSTRUCTION

Recommendation

- **Grant SC Basil Cell Regardless of Dose**
- **Do Not Refer Non-Radiogenic Conditions**
- **Provide Information on 3.309 Grant Info**
- **Process for Non-Radiogenic Diseases**
- **Remind VAROs of Jackson Jurisdiction**
- **Consider Non-Radiogenic Legislation**

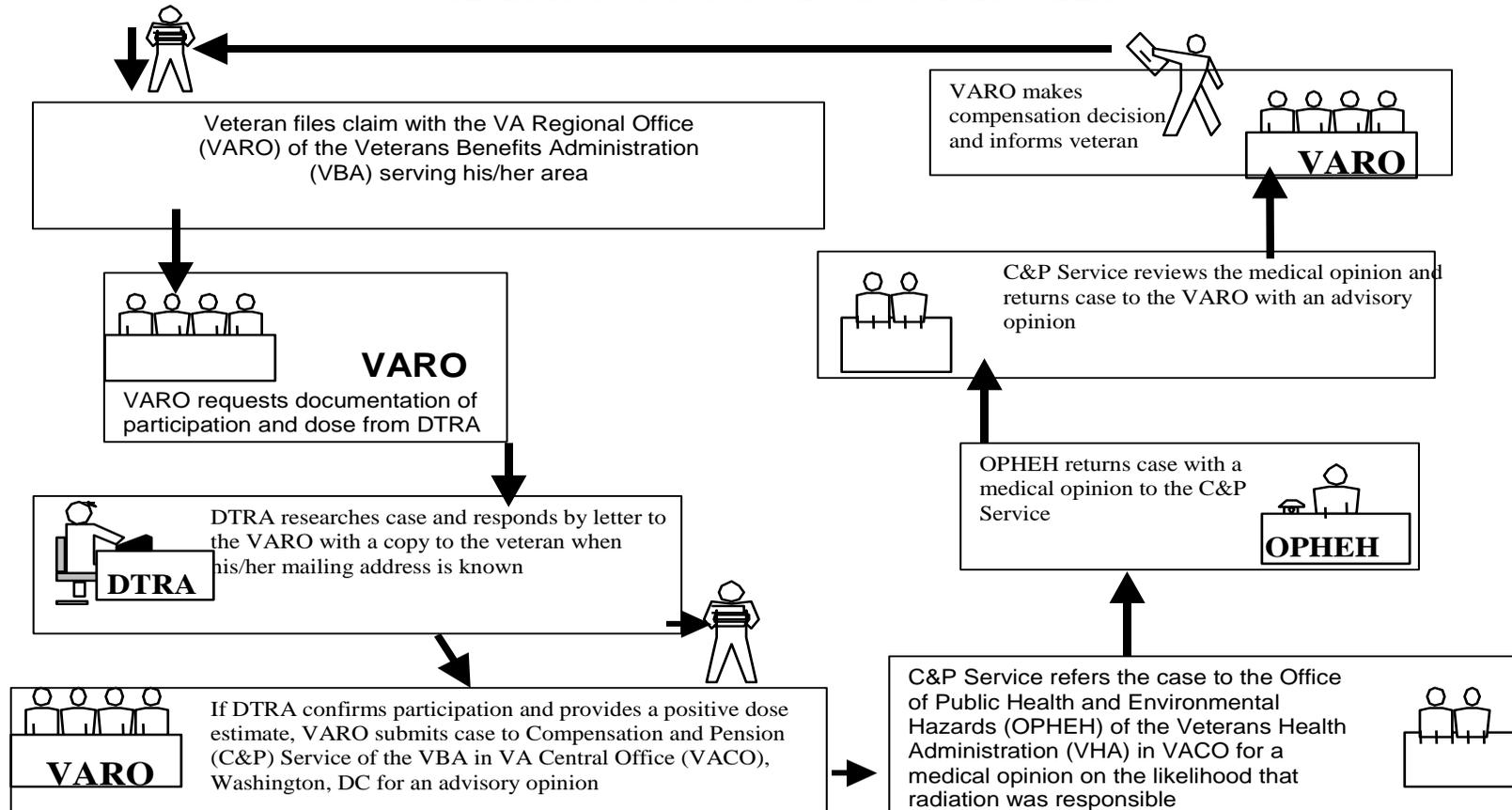
Status

- Not Accepted**
- Not Accepted - Required by Law**
- Currently Pulling Data**
- VA will Accept DTRA Letter**
- Accepted and Implemented**
- Not Accepted**





FLOW DIAGRAM FOR ADJUDICATION OF A VA RADIATION CLAIM FROM AN "ATOMIC VETERAN" FOR A "NON-PRESUMPTIVE" DISORDER





Jackson Regional Office Claims Review (02/22/10)

▪ Claims files accepted for adjudication	5,329
▪ Pending initial review	0
▪ Pending development initiation	2
▪ Development	659
▪ Pending DTRA response	87
▪ Ready to rate	22
▪ Total granted	1,648
▪ Total denied	2,918





C&P Service Radiation Claims Process

- **FY10 to date:**

– Completed	174
– SC granted	24
– SC denied	143
– Returned for Development	14
– Average days to process	159.58
– Pending in C&P	102

