

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 7, 2011

Radiation Claims pending – 577

- **With DTRA - 73**
- **With VACO - 32**
- **With Military Services – 130 (approximate)**
- **With RO in development/pending authorization - 494**





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 Basal 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**

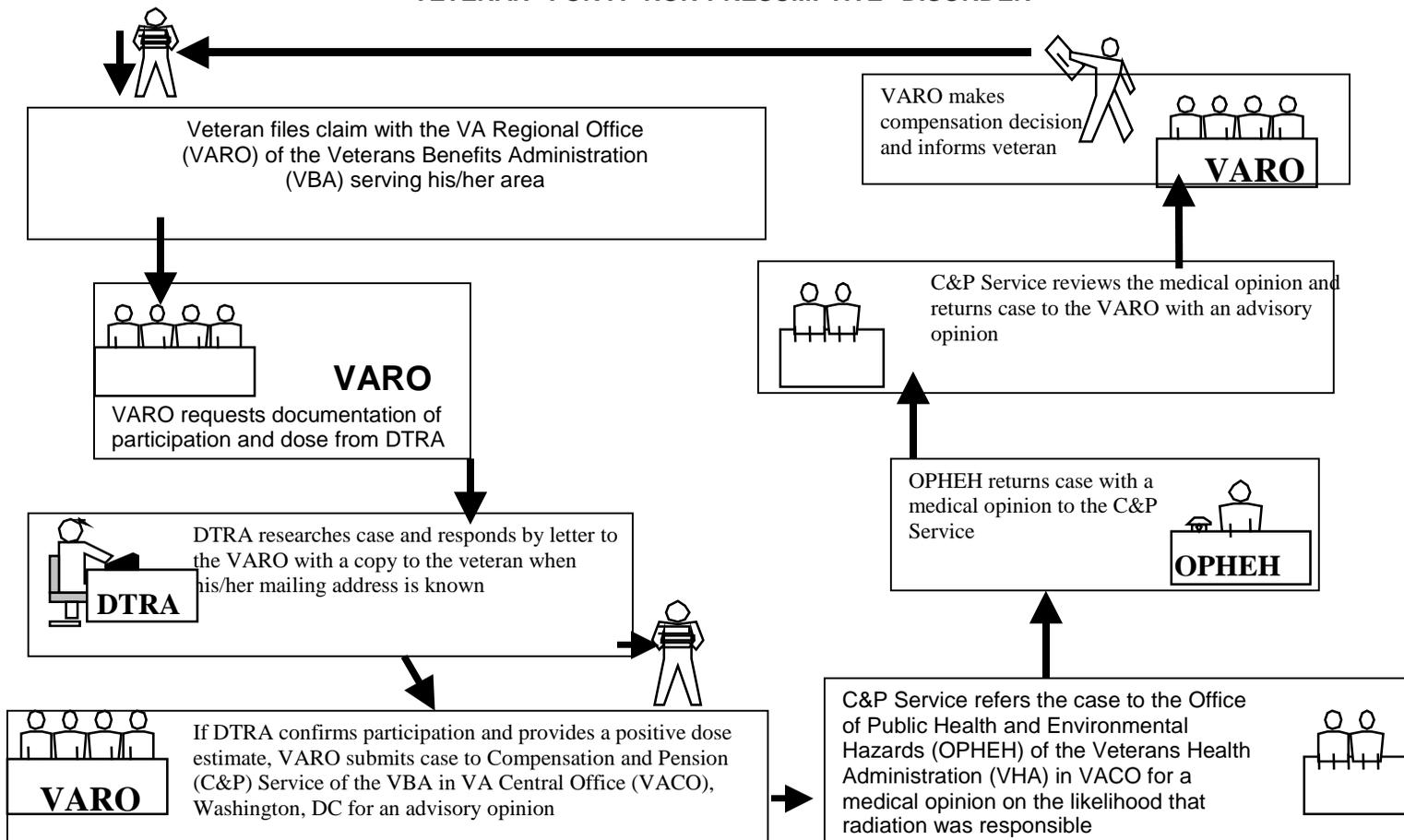
Status

- 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 (02/07/11)

▪ Claims files accepted for adjudication	6,364
▪ Pending initial review	0
▪ Pending development initiation	2
▪ Development	494
▪ Pending DTRA response	73
▪ Ready to rate	119
▪ Total granted	1,968
▪ Total denied	3,683





C&P Service Radiation Claims Process

- **FY10 to date:**
 - **Completed** **431**
 - **SC granted** **139**
 - **SC denied** **292**
 - **Returned for Development** **27**
 - **Average days to process** **494.29**
 - **Pending in C&P** **32**

