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Dear Mr. Myers:

The Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction met in a plenary public session in San Antonio, TX on March 23-24, 2012. At that meeting, the Board did not approve any formal recommendations for DTRA. However, I do want to pass on that we all recognize that you work with a constrained budget and want you to know that we appreciate your commitment and financial support that allows the Board to continue its mission for our Veterans.

For your records, I have enclosed a copy of the recommendations that were approved by the Board at the San Antonio meeting. Please contact me if you require any additional information.

Very respectfully,

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Enclosure: Formal VBDR recommendations

Cc: Dr. Paul Blake

**VETERANS' ADVISORY BOARD ON DOSE RECONSTRUCTION
RECOMMENDATIONS**

23-24 March 2012

Plenary Meeting

On the basis of its audits and assessments of Nuclear Test Personnel Review (NTPR) Program radiation dose assessments (RDAs), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) claim procedures, and other meetings and interactions with both DTRA and VA, the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction (VBDR) offered two recommendations at the March 23-24, 2012 meeting held in San Antonio, TX. The Board believes that these recommendations, if put into action, would improve the VA compensation program for Atomic Veterans.

For the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA):

The VBDR had no specific recommendations for DTRA.

For the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA):

First, the VBDR continues to recognize the positive improvements that have taken place at the Jackson Veterans Affairs Regional Office (VARO).

Recommendation 1: VA move forward to implement a policy and process that radiation identified claims be expeditiously transferred to Jackson VARO at initial identification and prior to development.

Recommendation 2: VA resolves the issue of retrieving color photographs for claims adjudication and rating at the Jackson VARO.