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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
AGENT ORANGE CONTINUING EDUCATION WORKSHOP  
AUGUST 20, 1985  
Outline

AGENT ORANGE: INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE  
ALVIN L. YOUNG, Ph.D.  
SENIOR POLICY ANALYST FOR LIFE SCIENCES  
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

*Data from numerous sources  
Based ON  
ANIMAL  
STUDIES*

1. Health Concerns of Veterans

- Birth defects and miscarriages
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- Soft tissue sarcoma
- Other
- Early death (number/age/cause)
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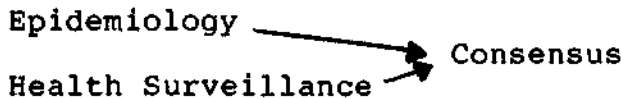
Chloracne

PCT — *HCB*

- Disease due to dioxin in tissue — *BARRY*

*Common ER  
Biologic  
Time  
Bomb*

2. How Do Scientists Address These Concerns



No single study can provide all the answers. Because exposure and population sizes are such critical issues, it is imperative that human data be obtained from all available sources. Hence, the value of the international community.

3. Sources of Human Exposure

- Industrial accidents — *Nitro UV to Seveso Italy*
- Occupational exposure — *Chocko / VERTAC / VERONK*
- Contaminated industrial wastes — *MISSOURI / LOVE CANAL*
- Herbicide applications — *NY / Finland / SWEDEN*
- Contaminated food — *Schuppli / CHOCOLATE BARS / Seveso*
- Low temperature combustion

*Germany 11.2.85*



4. There Have Been Numerous Industrial Accidents and Occupational Exposures Involving Trichlorophenol, TCDD, and the Phenoxy Herbicides.

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Henry the 8th  
 - I'm going to marry the widow next door  
 She's been married seven times  
 before and each time she's been married,  
 the husband's name was Henry;  
 Henry the Eighth I am, I am

Scheduled for 20

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Technology Assessment Working Group (Federal Republic of Germany, Chair)

Investigation and Management of Dioxin in Environmental Accidents (Italy, Chair)

- Identification of Researchers / Centers
- Exchange of Information
- Coordinate Research programmes

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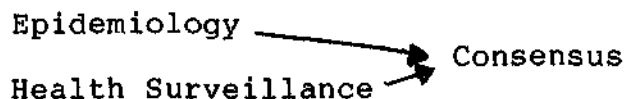
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**Veterans  
Administration**

In Reply Refer To: 10X21

Lt. Col. Alvin Young  
Executive Office of the President  
New Executive Office Building  
Room 5005  
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Lt. Col. Young:

Please accept my expression of appreciation for your willingness to participate as a resource person in the Veterans Administration's Continuing Educational Workshop on Agent Orange which will be held August 20-21, 1985, at the Washington Plaza Hotel, Washington, D.C. A copy of the tentative agenda is enclosed for your information. Please note that the general topic area for your presentation is described in the agenda.

Also enclosed for your information is a copy of an information letter recently sent to our environmental physicians and dermatologists who will comprise our primary target audience for this 1 1/2 day meeting. In addition to the aforementioned participants, workshop plans include participation by Department of Veterans Benefits field Adjudication Officers during the morning session of the first day. The enclosed letter will provide you with further amplification of the relevance to us of this meeting which will feature general presentations on Agent Orange-related activities with emphasis on the issue of the skin condition, chloracne.

Again, I am very grateful for your willingness to volunteer your expertise for this conference. Please feel free to address any questions you may have concerning the workshop, or your participation, to me on telephone number (202) 376-7528. In my absence, questions can be referred to Mr. Layne Drash, Chief, Administration Section, Agent Orange Projects Office, at this same number.

Sincerely,

  
BARCLAY M. SHEPARD, M.D.

Director  
Agent Orange Projects Office

Enclosures

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In Reply Refer To: 10X2

Lt. Col. Alvin Young  
Senior Policy Analyst for Life Sciences  
Executive Office of the President  
Office of Science and Technology Policy  
Rm. 5005, New Executive Office Building  
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Col. <sup>al</sup>Young:

Again, thank you for your willingness to participate in the Agent Orange Educational Workshop which will be held August 20-21, 1985, at the Washington Plaza Hotel, Washington, D.C. A revised copy of the agenda for this meeting is attached for your information.

I view this workshop as a highly significant event due to the nature of the subjects to be explored, that is, Agent Orange in general and chloracne specifically, and because of the caliber of faculty who will be participating as resource persons. Originally, I had hoped that we would be provided enough funding to support attendance by more than 180 VA environmental physicians and approximately 57 dermatologists. Much to my regret we are only able to have a cross-section of about 90 of these individuals as participants, although there is some comfort in the realization that the individuals selected are highly motivated and very interested in the topics to be covered in the two-day meeting.

I view the preparation of formal proceedings of this meeting as doubly important because of the usual need to document the presentation, and also, for the purpose of serving as a resource document for those other VA staff who will be unable to attend. For these reasons I wish to ask your cooperation in providing me at the earliest possible date, preferably prior to the actual workshop, with a manuscript of your presentation and a copy of any supporting exhibits you will be using. I realize that this may impose a slight burden on you due to the short timeframe before the workshop convenes, but your cooperation will reap many dividends through the creation of a permanent record of the proceedings and of your particular role in that meeting.

Your cooperation in assisting in meeting this request is appreciated. If you have any questions about the agenda or the nature of the paper we will need from you, please feel free to contact me at commercial telephone number (202) 376-7528, or if you have FTS capabilities at FTS 376-7528.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barclay".

BARCLAY M. SHEPARD, M.D.  
Director, Agent Orange Projects Office

Attachment

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August 19 - 21, 1985

AGENDA

Monday, August 19, 1985            Registration

Tuesday, August 20, 1985

8:30 - 8:45	Welcome - Opening Comments	D. Earl Brown, Jr., M.D. Associate Deputy Chief Medical Director  John W. Hagan, Jr. Deputy Chief Benefits Director
8:45 - 9:15	Overview of Conference Goals and VA Agent Orange Program	Barclay M. Shepard, M.D.
9:15 - 9:45	Overview of DVB Agent Orange-related activities "Goals and Expectations"	Gerald P. Moore, Ph.D.
9:45 - 10:15	Legal and Legislative Issues	Frederic L. Conway, III, Esquire
10:15 - 10:30	Break	
10:30 - 11:15	Chloracne: the Clinical Spectrum	James S. Taylor, M.D.
11:15 - 11:45	The Acne State	Peter E. Pochi, M.D.
11:45 - 1:30	Lunch	
1:30 - 2:00	Histology of Chloracne	James H. Graham, M.D.
2:00 - 2:30	The Agent Orange Exam: Putting It all Together	Sidney N. Klaus, M.D. Alfred D. Hernandez
2:30 - 3:00	Question & Answer Period	Chloracne Panel
3:00 - 3:15	Break	
3:15 - 3:45	Twin Study	Seth A. Eisen, M.D.

3:45 - 4:15	Agent Orange: International Perspective	Alvin L. Young, Ph.D.
4:15 - 5:00	Agent Orange Update & Discussion	Barclay M. Shepard, M.D.
Wednesday, August 21, 1985		
8:15 - 8:45	Birth Defects Study	Joseph Mulinare, M.D.
8:45 - 9:15	U.S. Air Force Health Study ("Operation Ranch Hand")	Joel E. Michalek, Ph.D.
9:15 - 9:45	Mortality Study	Patricia P. Breslin, Ph.D.
9:45 - 10:00	Female Veteran Study	Han K. Kang, Dr. P.H.
10:00 - 10:15	Break	
10:15 - 10:45	Soft Tissue Sarcoma Studies:	
	. Patient Treatment File	Barclay M. Shepard, M.D.
	. Case Control	Han K. Kang, Dr. P.H.
10:45 - 11:15	Retrospective Study of Dioxins and Furans in Adipose Tissue	Michelle Flicker, M.D., Ph.D.
11:15 - 11:45	Investigator-Initiated Research	Lawrence B. Hobson, M.D., Ph.D.
11:45 - 12:15	Panel Discussion- Questions and Answers	Conference Faculty
12:15 - 12:30	Closing Remarks	Barclay M. Shepard, M.D.
12:30	Conference Adjourns	