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My name is Ralph Stanton and I am applying for VA Disabilities benefits due to herbicide exposure on a Direct Exposure Service Connection basis. While I was stationed at Andersen AFB, Guam in 1969 & 1970 my job (54650) required me to perform maintenance and repairs, daily, on fuel storage and delivery systems including tank farms, cross island pipe line, pump houses, hydrant pits, and filtering systems. These systems were sprayed often with herbicides.



When we were caught up on our more important work we always had painting that needed done. Here is a picture of me painting at the booster station. Sgt. Foster took the picture with my camera. He was there operating the station.



Here is a picture of the cross island pipeline booster station. As you can see there is no vegetation. Sgt. Foster did a good job spraying. The reason I took the picture is we just got finished painting everything.



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My training and job while I was in the Air Force was liquid fuel systems maintenance and repair (54650). This included fuel storage tanks & tank farms, pipe lines, valves, pumps, filtering systems, hydrants, and delivery systems. I was on Guam from Mar 2, 1969 to Mar 31, 1970. Everything I worked on was sprayed with herbicide either directly or around the edges for fire safety and to look nicer. They also sprayed the chain link fences that were around most of the systems. They spayed approximately every 90 days. I didn't realize until recently they were spraying Agent Orange. While I was working on the cross island pipe line I would lay on the ground to be able to chip, scrape, and paint the bottom side of the pipe line. The pipe line was on supports that were about 1 to 2 feet off the ground. Sometimes I would lay on a piece of cardboard when I could find one but I could still smell the spray.

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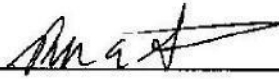



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While I was researching my case I found that the EPA has identified 26 Super Fund Clean-up sites on Guam (the island is only 30 miles by 8 miles) one of them is Anderson Air Force base. On that one site there is 39 separate clean-up sites, one of those is Marbo Annex. There are 6 clean-up sites at Marbo Annex. Marbo Annex was a few miles from the main base and there wasn't much there except a laundry and 6 barracks. I lived in one of the non air-conditioned barracks for about 4 months while I tried to find an off-base residence so I could bring my wife over. The testing by the EPA was first done in 1993 then in 1999 and 2000. The list of contamination has many dangerous chemicals and pesticides besides dioxin that have been found in the soil and ground water. The drinking water for the base comes from wells.

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