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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses

Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2, that the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses will meet on April 28-29, 2016, at 1001 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on April 28 and from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on April 29. All sessions will be open to the public, and for interested parties who cannot attend in person, there is a toll-free telephone number (800) 767-1750; access code 56978#.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed research studies, research plans, and research strategies relating to the health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Gulf War in 1990-1991.

The Committee will review VA program activities related to Gulf War Veterans' illnesses, and hear updates on relevant scientific research published since the last Committee meeting. Presentations will include updates on the VA Gulf War research program, along with research presentations describing neurological problems in Gulf War Veterans. There will also be a discussion of Committee business and activities.

The meeting will include time reserved for public comments each afternoon. sign-up sheet for 5-minute comments will be available at the meeting. Individuals who wish to address the Committee may submit a 1-2 page summary of their comments for inclusion in the official meeting record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for the Committee's review to Dr. Victor Kalasinsky via email at Victor.Kalasinsky@va.gov. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Dr. Kalasinsky, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 443-5600.

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