



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority for the Environmental Support Group

The Army is assigned responsibility as the Executive Agent for the operation and maintenance of the Environmental Support Group. The Group is authorized to conduct military records research in support of veterans' Agent Orange exposure inquiries and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder disability claims with the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA). Included in this delegation is the responsibility to conduct other Vietnam War health related military records research as appropriate. This delegation does not include military records research related to nuclear radiation.

This delegation reaffirms the support that has been provided since 1982 when the Secretary of Defense agreed to a VA request for the Department of the Army to provide such military records research assistance for Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps veterans.

This authority may not be redelegated below the Office of the Secretary of the Army.

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