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Recommended Resources: Burn pit – Open air burning

Definition:

Burn pit exposure refers to open air burning of plastics, oils, and gas under various conditions. Many veterans have been exposed to open air burning during their deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. There are claims of potential respiratory conditions and illness associated with these burn pits. Some symptoms include headaches, higher blood pressure, insomnia, and many other conditions which make it difficult to associate directly with burn pits. It is encouraged for all veterans exposed, to participate in the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry, which helps veterans understand health related effects and helps the VA gather information specifically on this topic.

Quote:

“Because, particularly as we saw with Vietnam veterans and Agent Orange, the longer of a gap there is between the research and the outcomes, the harder it is to draw those parallels to be able to say, ‘I was here, I was exposed, here are my records, I need that care,’” - Jackie Maffucci, IAVA

Resources:

**Registry
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<https://veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry/>
<http://www.warrelatedillness.va.gov/education/factsheets/burn-pits.pdf>

<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/PUBLICHEALTH/exposures/burnpits/index.asp>

Video Resources:

Registry Promotional

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=37i6MDt6PII>

Potential Lung Diseases

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndurf-mLvMo>