

information collection should be sent by December 22, 2025.

ADDRESSES: To submit comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection, please type the following link into your browser: www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, select “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments”, then search the list for the information collection by Title or “OMB Control No. 2900–0463.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: VA PRA information: Dorothy Glasgow, 202–461–1084, VAPRA@va.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Notice of Waiver of VA Compensation or Pension to Receive Military Pay and Allowances (VA Form 21–8951–2).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0463.
<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21–8951–2 is used by reservists/guardsmen filing a waiver of VA disability benefits to receive active or inactive duty training pay or to notify VA to resume benefits as his/her active service has completed. Without this information, the reduction in overpayments and/or erroneous payments associated with receipt of VA disability compensation or pension could cause hardship on behalf of the claimant.

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Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 5,766 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 34,594 per year.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[Docket No. VA–2025–VACO–0001]

Decision Following the Formal Evaluation on the Relationship Between Exposure to Fine Particulate Matter and Certain Blood Conditions

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is issuing notice of the Secretary’s determination under title 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) 1174(a)(2) that a presumption of service connection is not warranted for polycythemia vera, essential thrombocythemia, histiocytosis, mastocytosis, and chronic myeloproliferative disease for veterans exposed to fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) while serving in the Southwest Asia Theater of Operations or Somalia on or after August 2, 1990, or in Afghanistan, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Djibouti, or Uzbekistan on or after September 11, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Erin Dursa, Veterans Health Administration, 202–461–7297.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 38 U.S.C. 1171–74 details the process for determining presumptions of service connection based on toxic exposures. On November 20, 2024, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs directed a formal evaluation¹ of five blood conditions, including polycythemia vera, essential thrombocythemia, histiocytosis, mastocytosis, and chronic myeloproliferative disease for veterans exposed to PM_{2.5} while serving in the Southwest Asia theater of operations or Somalia on or after August 2, 1990, or in Afghanistan, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Djibouti, or Uzbekistan on or after September 11, 2001.

VA conducted a formal evaluation between November 2024 and March 2025 that considered available medical evidence, Veterans Health Administration (VHA) health care data, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) claims data, and other factors, as required by 38 U.S.C. 1173. A structured literature search did not yield any

papers that were directly relevant to assessing the relationship between exposure to PM_{2.5} and polycythemia vera, essential thrombocythemia, histiocytosis, mastocytosis, and chronic myeloproliferative disease.

Additionally, the formal evaluation analyzed VHA electronic medical record data for the five conditions of interest between Calendar Year (CY) 2016 and CY24. The results indicate that the nine-year prevalence of these conditions among post-9/11 veterans who served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations who use VHA health care was lower than the prevalence in the general population. The nine-year prevalence of these conditions among the 1990–1991 Gulf War Era veteran population utilizing VHA health care was higher than the general population, except for mastocytosis; this was observed in both veterans who deployed to Southwest Asia and those who served during the time period of the war but did not deploy. This is likely due to this veteran population’s older age distribution.

The formal evaluation also analyzed VBA claims data for polycythemia vera, essential thrombocythemia, histiocytosis, mastocytosis, and chronic myeloproliferative disease across four Gulf War Era cohorts, encompassing a total of 11,022,410 veterans. Between 2005 and 2025, 3,507 of those veterans filed claims for these conditions. The claim filing rate for these blood conditions varied minimally across cohorts, ranging from 0.01% to 0.06%. Among the claims, 1,777 veterans were granted service connection. The grant rate across the four cohorts was 50.67%. The service connection prevalence rate was low and consistent across cohorts.

The formal evaluation report was reviewed by hematologists/oncologists at the National Oncology Program Office.

Based on the findings from the formal evaluation, including a literature search and the analysis of VHA and VBA data, the Secretary has determined that a presumption of service connection is not warranted for polycythemia vera, essential thrombocythemia, histiocytosis, mastocytosis, or chronic myeloproliferative disease for veterans exposed to fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) while serving in the Southwest Asia Theater of Operations or Somalia on or after August 2, 1990, or in Afghanistan, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Djibouti, or Uzbekistan on or after September 11, 2001. Currently available evidence is not sufficient to conclude, or is not sufficient to make a scientifically informed judgment, that a positive association as likely as not exists

¹ Report to The Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the Formal Evaluation on The Relationship Between Exposure to Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) in the Southwest Theater of Operations or Somalia on or after August 2, 1990, or in Afghanistan, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Djibouti, or Uzbekistan on or after September 11, 2001, and Polycythemia Vera, Essential Thrombocythemia, Histiocytosis, Mastocytosis, and Chronic Myeloproliferative Disease, May 2025 (hereafter “Formal Evaluation Report”) is available at www.regulations.gov.

between these blood conditions and exposure to PM_{2.5}. This determination that presumptions of service connection are not warranted at this time does not in any way preclude VA from granting service connection based on the evidence in a particular case for any disease, including those specifically discussed in this notice, nor does it change any existing rights or procedures.

Signing Authority

Douglas A. Collins, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on October 24, 2025, and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Joseph Montanye,
Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0422]

Agency Information Collection Activity: VAAR Construction Provisions and Clauses

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition and Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Office of Acquisition and Logistics (OAL), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information and its expected cost

and burden, and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent by December 22, 2025.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: VA PRA information: Dorothy Glasgow, 202–461–1084, VAPRA@va.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: VAAR Construction Provisions and Clauses.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0422.
https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) submission seeks renewal without changes of OMB approval No. 2900–0422 for five collections of information for the Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) clauses, as follows:

- Clause 852.232–70, Payment Under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts (without NAS–CPM), requires construction contractors not using Network Analysis System–Critical Path Method (NAS–CPM), to submit a schedule of costs for work to be performed under the contract.

- Clause 852.232–71, Payment Under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts (including NAS–CPM), requires construction contractors using NAS–CPM, to submit a schedule of costs for work to be performed under the contract.

- Clause 852.236–72, Performance of Work by the Contractor, requires

contractors awarded a construction contract containing Federal Acquisition Regulation clause 52.236–1, Performance of Work by the Contractor, to submit a statement designating the branch or branches of contract work to be performed by the contractor’s own forces.

- Clause 852.236–80, Subcontracts and Work Coordination, requires construction contractors, on contracts involving complex mechanical-electrical work, to furnish coordination drawings showing the manner in which utility lines will fit into available space and relate to each other and to the existing building elements.

- Clause 852.243–70, Construction Contract Changes–Supplement, requires contractors to submit cost proposals for changes ordered by the contracting officer or for changes proposed by the contractor.

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Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,974 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 105 minutes.

Frequency of Response: More than quarterly.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,706.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Dorothy Glasgow,

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