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Burn Pit Registry Now Open: All Desert Shield/Storm veterans, and Post-9/11 veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan and deployments into Djibouti are encouraged to logon to the VA's new burn pit registry to report exposures to airborne hazards such as smoke from burn pits, oil-well fires, and other pollutants or exposures encountered during deployment, as well as other health concerns. A registry is required to properly document whether such exposures harmed or caused other illnesses or diseases.

VA officials acknowledge that troops may suffer from illnesses related to environmental exposures, and has established a surveillance program for service members exposed to the known carcinogen hexavalent chromium from a water treatment facility near Basra in 2003, but VA also said there is not yet enough scientific evidence to prove that exposure to burn pits causes long-term health problems. Logon to the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry at <https://veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry/index.html#page/home>.