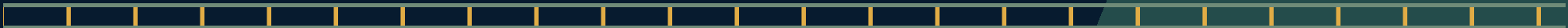




PACT ACT AND TOXIC EXPOSURE

GULF WAR ILLNESS VS BURN PIT PRESUMPTION

A field guide to presumptions, exposure evidence, TERA development, and claim pathways.



FIELD REFERENCE

FOUR POINTS TO UNDERSTAND

GW

GULF WAR PATH

Addresses qualifying chronic disability, medically unexplained chronic multisymptom illness, and certain infectious diseases under distinct rules.

BP

BURN PIT PATH

Addresses listed respiratory illnesses and cancer categories tied to qualifying service locations and dates.

SAME

ONE RECORD CAN SUPPORT BOTH

The same veteran may have facts relevant to both pathways, but each claimed condition needs the correct analysis.

DO NOT

DO NOT MERGE THE RULES

Different condition lists, proof requirements, and legal standards apply.

Apply the exact current law to the individual record. Exposure, screening, health-care eligibility, and disability compensation are related but distinct.

