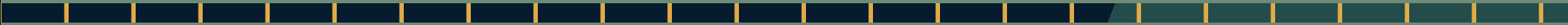




PACT ACT AND TOXIC EXPOSURE

TOXIC EXPOSURE EVIDENCE GUIDE

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



FIELD REFERENCE

FOUR POINTS TO UNDERSTAND

WHERE

LOCATION AND DUTY

Orders, personnel records, deployment history, military specialty, unit records, maps, logs, and pay records.

WHAT

EXPOSURE DETAILS

Substance, source, route, frequency, duration, protective equipment, and circumstances, stated accurately.

HEALTH

CURRENT MEDICAL RECORD

Exact diagnosis, onset, course, testing, treatment, risk factors, and relevant occupational history.

LINK

MEDICAL ANALYSIS

A reasoned opinion should address the veteran's total exposure, combined effects, and other medically relevant factors.

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

