Agent Orange Exposure Locations

Recognized by VA

Vietnam & Brown Water Veterans

The inland waterways of Vietnam are often referred to as "brown water" because of their muddy color. The naval vessels operating on them are referred to as the Brown Water Navy and/or Mobile Riverine Force. Those who made brief visits ashore and/or served on a ship that was operated on the inland waterways of Vietnam are often referred to as "Brown Water Veterans."

Blue Water Veterans

The deep offshore waters of Vietnam are often referred to as "blue waters" and naval vessels operating on them are referred to as the Blue Water Navy. Blue Water Veterans are not presumed to have been exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides unless they actually set foot in Vietnam (including for liberal leave or work detail) or served aboard ships on its inland waterways between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975. The Blue Water Navy operated large ships which were used to carry out their missions along the Vietnam coastal waters. Some offshore ships including hospital ships, harbor repair ships, mine sweepers, seaplane tenders, and destroyers sent crew members ashore. Veterans aboard these ships who can show they were on shore will be eligible for the presumption of exposure.

U.S. Navy & Coast Guard Ships In Vietnam

VA maintains an evolving list of U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships associated with military service in Vietnam and possible exposure to Agent Orange based on military records. This includes ships of the Brown Water and Blue Water Navy that operated on Vietnam's inland waterways, docked to shore or pier in Vietnam, or that delivered supplies or troops ashore. The alphabetized ships list is available at http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/shiplist/index.asp.

Korean Demilitarized Zone

Veterans who served in a unit operating along the Korean demilitarized zone anytime between April 1, 1968 and August 31, 1971, and who have a disease VA recognizes as associated with Agent Orange exposure, are presumed to have been exposed to herbicides.

Thailand Military Bases

Vietnam-era Veterans, including U.S. Air Force and Army Veterans, whose service involved duty on the perimeters of military bases in Thailand anytime between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975 may qualify for VA benefits.

Herbicide Tests & Storage Outside Vietnam

- The Department of Defense gave VA the below list of dates and locations outside of Vietnam where herbicides were tested and stored. To view the complete list online visit www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/agentorange/dod_herbicides_outside_vietnam.pdf.
- Go to www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/locations/index.asp for more information on each location

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Information from Department of Defense (DoD) on Herbicide Tests and Storage outside of Vietnam

Location	Dates	Agents	Project Description	DoD Involvement
Fort Chaffee, AR	5/16/1967-5/18/1967, 7/22/1967-7/23/1967, 8/23/1967 - 8/24/1967	basic, in-house, improved desiccants and Orange, Blue	During the period of 12/1966 - 10/1967, a comprehensive short-term evaluation was conducted by personnel from Fort Derrick's Plant Science Lab in coordination with contract research on formulations by chemical industry and field tests by USDA and U of HI.	Yes
Pinal Mountains near Globe, AZ	1965, 1966, 1968, and 1969	2,4-D isooctyl-ester, 2,4,5-t isooctyl-ester, silvex, propyleneglycolbutylether ester, 2,4,5-T butyl ester, 2,4,5-T 2-e-h e	In 1965, the USFS began a land improvement program in the Pinal Mountains. The program called for spraying an area of chaparral with herbicides to accomplish the objectives of multiple land use.	No
Brawley, CA	1950-51	2,4-D	The purpose was to determine means of accomplishing defoliation of	Undetermined

			tropical forest vegetation by application of a chemical agent.Here, irrigation water studies were done with the agent. H.F. Arle worked here.	
Orlando, FL at Army Grove Air Force's Tactical Center	3/14/1944, 4/12/1944	ammonium thiocynate, zinc chloride, sodium nitrate, sodium arsenate, sodium fluoride	The purpose was to determine means of accomplishing defoliation of tropical forest vegetation by application of a chemical agent.	Yes
Marathon, FL	3/21/1944-3/23/1944	zinc chloride, ammonium sulphamate, ammonium thiocynate	The purpose was to determine means of accomplishing defoliation of tropical forest vegetation by application of a chemical agent. Spraying was done here.	Yes
Near Lake George, FL	Spring 1944	zinc chloride	The purpose was to determine means of accomplishing defoliation of tropical forest vegetation by application of a chemical agent. Spraying here.	Yes
Orlando, FL, Cocoa, FL	1944	ammonium thiocyanate and zinc chloride	Tests were conducted in 1944 by the Army in Orlando and Cocoa areas of Florida to determine the value of ammonium thiocyanate and chloride as marking and defoliation agents.. They were conducted initially at ground level and later from aircraft.	Yes
Bushnell Army Air Field, FL	2/1945	LN *phenoxy	Small plot experiments were commenced to test the effectiveness of	Yes

			LN agents. Various trials were done under contract with the USDA, aided by personnel at Camp Detrick. Here, it was aerial spray experiments on potted plants	
Bushnell Army Air Field, Bushnell, FL	2/1945-4/1945	2,4-D and its ammonium salt	Trials, performed by C.W.S. personnel from Camp Detrick, MD tested the practicability of severely injuring or destroying crop plants sprayed from smoke tanks mounted on tactical aircraft.	Yes
Avon Air Force Base, FL	2/1951- 4/1951	butyl 2,4 D	Trials were conducted at Avon Air Force Base, FL by Chemical Corps with personnel of the Air Force and Navy to determine the practical effectiveness of spraying pure anticrop agents from at low volume from aircraft. C-47 and Navy XBT2D-1 aircraft with various nozzles were used.	Yes
Englin Air Force Base, FL	11/1952-12/1952	2,4-D, 2,4,5-T: 143 and 974, respectively	Two trials: Chemical Corps-concerned with basic fundamental work, using 2,4-D, Air Force-concerned with evaluating prototype large capacity spray system for aircraft installation using 2,4,5-T, primarily. Used 3 atomizing nozzles: Bete Fog Nozzles, Whirljet	Yes

			Spray Nozzles, and Fogjet 1.5F50	
Avon Park Air Force Base, FL	Spring 1954	butyl 2,4-D, butyl 2,4,5-T, Isopropyl 2,4-D	Series of tests were conducted at Avon Park AFB during the spring of 1954 to study the behavior of chemical anticrop aerial sprays when released from high-speed jet aircraft. The Navy F3D jet fighter was used with Aero 14A Airborne Spray Tanks to disperse the anticrop agents.	Yes
Jacksonville,FL	7/18/1962-7/21/1962	Purple, Fuel Oil, Mix	The HIDAL was used successfully on an H-34 helicopter to spray herbicidal materials. Therefore, it had not been calibrated previously. Spray tests were performed to do so. This was done under order by OSD/ARPA.	Yes
Eglin AFB, FL, C-52A test area	1962-70	Orange (1962-68), Purple (1962-68), White (1967-70), Blue (1968-70)	CPT John Hunter discussed vegetation changes and ecological studies of the 2 square mile test area which had been sprayed with herbicides over the period 1962-70.	Yes
Apalachicola National Forest near Sophoppy, FL	5/3/1967-5/8/1967	basic desiccants and Orange/Blue	During the period of 12/1966 - 10/1967, a comprehensive short-term evaluation was conducted by personnel from Fort Detrick's Plant Science Lab in coordination with contract research on	Yes

			formulations by chemical industry and field tests by USDA and U of HI	
Eglin AFB, FL	6/11/1968-9/12/1968	orange, Bifluid #1, Bifluid#2, Stull Bifluid	A spread factor study was performed by the Army to correlate the spherical drop sizes of both Orange and Stull Bifluid defoliants. It involved development of new techniques to determine spread factors over an extended range of drop sizes. A spinning cup drop generator was used.	Yes
2 areas in FL, 2 areas in GA, and 1 in TN	1968	bromacil, Tandex, monuron, diuron, and fenuron	In 1968, emphasis was given to soil applied herbicides for grass control. Applications were made by a jeep-mounted sprayer on small plots or by helicopter on larger plots.	Undetermined
GA and TN	1964	diquat and Tordon 101, various	In 1964, helicopter spray tests were conducted on transmission line rights-of-way by the Georgia Power Company and Tennessee Valley Authority in collaboration with Fort Detrick to evaluate effectiveness of several commercially available herbicides.	Yes
Fort Gordon, GA	7/15/1967-7/17/1967	in-house desiccants mixtures and formulations, Orange and Blue	During the period of 12/1966 - 10/1967, a comprehensive short-term evaluation was conducted by personnel from Fort	Yes

			Detrick's Plant Science Lab in coordination with contract research on formulations by chemical industry and field tests by USDA and U of HI	
Kauai Branch Station near Kapaa, Kawai, HI	6/1967, 10/1967, 2/1968, 12/1967	Blue,diquat,paraquat, Orange, PCP, Picloram, White, HCA, 2,4,5T, Endothall	During the period of 12/1966 - 10/1967, a comprehensive short-term evaluation was conducted by personnel from Fort Detrick's Plant Science Lab in coordination with contract research on formulations by chemical industry and field tests by USDA and U of HI	Yes
State Forest area, 3500 ft. elevation on slope of Mauna Loa, near Hilo, HI	12/2/1966, 12/4/1966, 1/12/1967	Orange, M-3140, TORDON ester, 2,4-D ester, 2,4,5-T ester	The purpose of this project was to evaluate iso-octyl ester of picloram (TORDON) in mixtures with ORANGE, as a candidate defoliant agent, using ORANGE as standard. There were personnel from Fort Detrick there.	Undetermined
Hilo, HI	12/1966	Orange	Field tests of defoliants were designed to evaluate such variables as rates, volume of application, season, and vegetation. Data from aerial application tests at several CONUS and OCONUS locations are provided in tables. There were Fort Detrick personnel there.	Yes

Kauai,HI	1967	Orange	Field tests of defoliants were designed to evaluate such variables as rates, volume of application, season, and vegetation. Data from aerial application tests at several CONUS and OCONUS locations are provided in tables.	Yes
Vigo Plant CWS, Terre Haute, IN	5/1945- 9/1945	LN (see attached) *phenoxy	Small plot experiments were commenced to test the effectiveness of LN agents. Various trials were done under contract with the USDA, aided by personnel at Camp Detrick. Here, it was aerial trials spraying field grown plants.	Yes
Jefferson Proving Grounds, Madison, IN	Summer 1945	LN *phenoxy	Small plot experiments were commenced to test the effectiveness of LN agents. Various trials were done under contract with the USDA, aided by personnel at Camp Detrick. Here, it was dropping trials.	Yes
Hays, KS, Langdon, ND	1960	stem rust of wheat	Two studies on the stem rust of wheat were conducted during 1960 to obtain data on the establishment, development, and destructiveness of artificially induced stem rust epiphytotics.	Undetermined
Fort Knox, KY	1945	various	In 1945, a special project known as Sphinx was conducted jointly by CWS and the ARML to	Yes

			investigate the use of chemical agents for increasing the flammability of vegetation prior to flame attack.	
Area B, Camp Detrick, MD	Spring/Summer 1953	3:1 mixture 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T	Personnel at Camp Detrick tested the feasibility of using an experimental spray tower for applying a mixture of chemical anticrop agents to broad-leaf crops.	Yes
Fort Ritchie, MD	1963	Tordon, 2,4-D, Orange, diquat, endothal, and combinations of each with Tordon	Various studies were done to explore the effectiveness of different herbicides. They were all field trials. These studies were done by personnel from the US Army Biological Laboratories.	Yes
Fort Meade, MD	1963	cacodylic acid, Dowco 173, butyediol	Various studies were done to explore the effectiveness of different herbicides. They were all field trials. These studies were done by personnel from the US Army Biological Laboratories.	Yes
Camp Detrick, MD-Fields A,B, and C	1946-1947	2,4,5-T, 2,4,5-T triethanolamine, tributylphosphate, ethyl 2,4-D, butyl 2,4,5-Ttriet 2,4-D,	The experiments were directed mainly towards the investigation of plant inhibitors applied as sprays or to the soil in the solid form to be taken up by the roots.	Yes
Camp Detrick, MD-Fields C,D, and E	1948	2,4,5-T, isopropyl phenol carbamate, LN-2426, 2,4-D	The experiments were directed mainly towards the investigation of plant inhibitors	Yes

			applied as sprays or to the soil in the solid form to be taken up by the roots.	
Camp Detrick, MD-Fields C,D,E	1949	triethelyne. 2,4,5-T, carbamates	The experiments were directed mainly towards the investigation of plant inhibitors applied as sprays or to the soil in the solid form to be taken up by the roots. Experiments were done by Ennis, DeRose, Newman, Williamson, DeRigo, and Thomas.	Yes
Camp Detrick, MD-Fields A,B,D,E	1950	2464, butyl 2,4-D, 974, butyl 2,4,5-T, q:q 143 and 974	The experiments were directed mainly towards the investigation of plant inhibitors applied as sprays or to the soil in the solid form to be taken up by the roots. Experiments were done by Ennis, DeRose, Acker, Newman, Williamson, and Zimmerly.	Yes
Camp Detrick, MD-Field F	1950-51	2464, carbamate, butyl 2,4-D, 143 and 974 (orange?),2,4,5-T, 2,4-D, Orange	The experiments were directed mainly towards the investigation of plant inhibitors applied as sprays or to the soil in the solid form to be taken up by the roots. Experiments were done by Acker, DeRose, McLane, Newman, Williamson, Baker, Dean, Johnson, Taylor, Walker, and Zimmerly.	Yes

Fort Detrick, MD; Fort Ritchie, MD	1956-1957	various, 577 compounds	In 1956 And 1957, defoliation and desiccation were carried out at Fort Detrick and Fort Ritchie, Maryland by the Chemical Corps and Biological Warfare Research. These were bench tests.	Yes
Poole's Island, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD	7/14/1969-	Orange, Orange plus foam, Orange plus foam Orange, Foam	During the week of 7/14/1969, personnel from Naval Applied Science Laboratory in conjunction with personnel from Limited War Laboratory conducted a defoliation test along the shoreline.	Yes
Fort Detrick, MD	8/1961-6/1963	1410 compounds	From 8/1961 to 6/1963, compounds were spray-tested in the greenhouse to evaluate them as effective defoliants, desiccants, and herbicides.	Yes
Near Wayside, Miss., Wilcox Road, Greenville, Miss.	9/19/1967	picloram, bromacil, pyriclor, and terbacil, Orange, cacodylic acid	In 1967, the Dow Chemical Company was awarded a DoD research contract. The objective was to prepare as pellets mixtures of various herbicides and to test them on varying vegetation situations for the control of a range of plant species.	Undetermined
Fulcher Ranch, Greenville, Mississippi	4/15/1968	picloram and bromicil	In 1967, the Dow Chemical Company was awarded a DoD research contract. The objective was to prepare as pellets mixtures of various herbicides and to test them on varying vegetation	Undetermined

			situations for the control of a range of plant species.	
Gulfport, Miss.	1968-1970	Orange	While discussing the mandatory disposal of Orange, it was mentioned that 15,161 drums were being stored at Gulfport, Mississippi.	Yes
Galatin Valley near Bozeman, Montana	7/3/1953, 7/6/1953, 7/14/1953	4- fluorophenoxy-acetic acid and 2 of its esters, 3:1 butyl 2,4-D and butyl 2,4,5-T	A preliminary series of field evaluations of chemical agents for attacking wheat using a miniature spraying system mounted on light aircraft were performed by USDA.	No
Fort Drum, NY	1959	Orange	The Commanding General, 1st US Army, requested that Ft Detrick assist with defoliation efforts at Ft Drum. Thirteen drums were sprayed there on 4 square miles from a helicopter spray device.	Yes
Stone Valley Experimental Forest in Huntington County and near State College in Centre County, PA	3/1969-10/1970	bromacil, diuron, tandex, fenuron, picloram	Soil- applied herbicides were studied by the U of Pa with Ft Detrick for 18 months for their effectiveness, rapidity of action, and duration of response in native stands of central PA grasses, broadleaf weeds and woody plants. These herbicides were spread or sprayed.	Undetermined
Kingston, RI	7/26/1949, 1950-51	trieth.2,4,5-T, butyl 2,4,5-T,974	The experiments were directed mainly towards the investigation of plant inhibitors applied as sprays or	Yes

			to the soil in the solid form to be taken up by the roots. Experiments were carried out under supervision of T.E. Odland if RI State College. H.T. DeRigo was also there.	
Beaumont, TX	6/1944	LN *phenoxy	Small plot experiments were commenced to test the effectiveness of LN agents. Various trials were done under contract with the USDA, aided by personnel at Camp Detrick. Here, they were testing on rice crops.	No
Marinette, WI, Weslaco, TX	5/1967-1/1969	arsenic compounds, Orange, cacodylic acid, sodium cacodylate	71 new arsenic compounds were tested in primary screening against 6 plant species in greenhouse tests. Then, 5 of the most active compounds were tested in field trials against Red Maple and compared to formulations of cacodylic acid and a 50:50 blend of orange and sodium cacodylate. The Ansul Co. for DoD.	Yes
Beaumont, TX	1950-51	2,4-D	The purpose was to determine means of accomplishing defoliation of tropical forest vegetation by application of a chemical agent. Here, irrigation water studies were done with the agent. Coghill, Hasse, and Yeatner worked here.	Undetermined

Granite Peak, UT	Summer 1945	LN *phenoxy	Small plot experiments were commenced to test the effectiveness of LN agents. Various trials were done under contract with the USDA, aided by personnel at Camp Detrick. Here, it was dropping trials.	Yes
Prosser,WA	1950-51	2,4-D	The purpose was to determine means of accomplishing defoliation of tropical forest vegetation by application of a chemical agent.Here, irrigation water studies were done with the agent. V.F. Burns worked here.	Undetermined
southeastern part of Kompong Cham Province and Dar and Prek Clong plantations, Cambodia	6/1969	Orange	In 6/1969, the US government received notice of charge by Cambodian government that major defoliation damage to the Cambodian rubber plantation near the RVN border had occurred as a result of US defoliation activity. This was confirmed by a team of experts.	Yes
Base Gagetown near Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada	6/20/1967-6/24/1967	basic desiccants and Orange, Blue, various	During the period of 12/1966 - 10/1967, a comprehensive short-term evaluation was conducted by personnel from Fort Detrick's Plant Science Lab in coordination with contract research on formulations by chemical industry	Yes

			and field tests by USDA and U of HI	
Kumbla, South India	1945-1946	LN compounds *phenoxy	The main objective of the experiments was to determine the feasibility of accomplishing severe injury or destruction of tropical food crops by the application of growth-inhibiting (LN*) compounds in static trials. Field plantings were treated with various agents at different rates in different forms.	Yes
Korea, third Brigade, 2nd Division area	7/23/1968-7/24/1968	Hyvar XWS, tandex, Urox B, Urox Oil concentrate (liquids) bromacil, tandex, Urox 22 (solids)	In 1968, chemicals were sent from the Plant Sciences Lab, Ft Detrick, MD, to the Republic of Korea for the purpose of testing their effectiveness in the control of vegetation.	Yes
Korea,2nd and 4th Brigades, 2nd Division area	8/1968	Hyvar XWS, tandex, Urox B, Urox Oil concentrate (liquids) bromacil, tandex, Urox 22 (solids)	In 1968, chemicals were sent from the Plant Sciences Lab, Ft Detrick, MD, to the Republic of Korea for the purpose of testing their effectiveness in the control of vegetation.	Yes
Korea, third Brigade, 2nd Division area	10/3/1968	Hyvar XWS, tandex, Urox B, Urox Oil concentrate (liquids) bromacil, tandex, Urox 22 (solids)	In 1968, chemicals were sent from the Plant Sciences Lab, Ft Detrick, MD, to the Republic of Korea for the purpose of testing their effectiveness in the control of vegetation.	Yes

Laos	12/1965- 1967	Orange	In December 1965, herbicide operations were begun in Laos, with sorties being flown from Tan Son Nhut and Da Nang. The purpose was the exposure of foot trails, dirt roads and other LOCs that crossed into SVN. This network leads from NVN, through the eastern panhandle, to Combodian border.	Yes
Las Marias, Puerto Rico	2/1967- 12/1967	various, including Orange	During the period of 12/1966 - 10/1967, a comprehensive short-term evaluation was conducted by personnel from Fort Detrick's Plant Science Lab in coordination with contract research on formulations by chemical industry and field tests by USDA and U of HI	Yes
Near Rio Grande, on the northeast coast of Puerto Rico	8/23/1967, 10/18/1967, 12/21/1967- 12/26/1967	picloram, bromacil, pyriclor, and terbacil	In 1967, the Dow Chemical Company was awarded a DoD research contract. The objective was to prepare as pellets mixtures of various herbicides and to test them on varying vegetation situations for the control of a range of plant species.	Undetermined
Loquillo, Puerto Rico	4/1966, 10/1966	Orange	Field tests of defoliants were designed to evaluate such variables as rates, volume of application, season, and vegetation. Data from aerial application tests at several CONUS and	Yes

			OCONUS locations are provided in tables.	
At Sea	Summer 1977	Orange	In 1977, the USAF incinerated 2.22 million gallons of Herbicide Orange at sea in an operation entitled PACER HO. Extensive industrial hygiene sampling efforts supporting the transfer operations at Gulfport, MS and Johnston Island indicated all exposures were inconsequential (2-3 orders of magnitude below the TLVs for 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T).	Yes, Gulfport No, JI
Thailand	1964-1965	Purple, Orange, Others	Sponsored by ARPA; ARPA Order 423, Between the mentioned dates, there was a large-scale test program to determine effectiveness of mentioned agents in defoliation of upland forest or jungle vegetation representative of SEA.	Yes
Thailand	1964-65	Orange, Blue	Field tests of defoliants were designed to evaluate such variables as rates, volume of application, season, and vegetation. Data from aerial application tests at several CONUS and OCONUS locations are provided in tables.	Yes
Replacement raining Center of the Royal Thai	1964 and 1965	Orange, Purple	An extensive series of tests were conducted by Fort	Yes

Army near Pranburi, Thailand			Detrick during 1964 and 1965 in collaboration with the Military Research and Development Center of Thailand. The objective was to perform onsite evaluation of phytotoxic chemicals on vegetation in SE Asia.	

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