

## **Criteria for What Constitutes a Location Where Tactical Herbicides Were Tested, Used, and Stored Outside of Vietnam**

The Department of Defense (DoD) and Veterans Administration (VA) jointly developed criteria for what constitutes a location where tactical herbicides were tested, used, and stored outside of Vietnam. The criteria is:

### **1. Appropriate Documentation to include:**

- a. Official documents, such as scientific reports, contract required reports, DD Force 173/2 (message transmission of MILSTRIP Transaction forms), DD Form 250/250A Material Inspection and Receiving Report, DA Form 2496, Disposition Form, unit histories, shipping logs, and daily reports.
- b. Pictures that include location and date identifying items in the actual photo or are part of an intact official document

Does not include: newspaper and magazine articles, media reporting, testimonials, etc.

### **2. Relevant Location to include:**

- a. Military installation
- b. Lands under the jurisdiction, custody, or control of the DoD
- c. Operational locations where Service Members were located at the time of the testing, application, or storage

Does not include: Non-DoD locations where the United States Department of Agriculture, academia, chemical companies, or others conducting development, testing, use or storage and Service Members were not directly involved

### **3. Relevant Chemical:**

- a. Includes any herbicide agent used in support of the United States and allied military operations in the Republic of Vietnam and other locations. This includes the “rainbow” herbicides: Orange, Pink, Blue, White, Green, and Purple

Does not include chemicals that were registered in accordance with FIFRA and used for installation vegetation management by trained pesticide applicators (i.e., vegetation management/control)

### **4. Relevant Types of Testing/Application/Storage:**

- a. Includes laboratories – individual plants
- b. Includes greenhouses – plants in pots under controlled environments
- c. Includes garden plots and farm plots with plants grown specifically for that purpose
- d. Includes field trials:
  - i. Small to larger plots of native vegetation
  - ii. Aerial spray grids
- e. Includes storage locations

Does not include: (1) vegetation management/control done by trained pesticide applicators IAW DoDI 4150.07, "DoD Pest Management Program" and (2) any use already covered by Section 1116 of Title 38, "presumption of service connection for diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents; presumption of exposure for veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam