

Yu, Cathy [REDACTED]

From: Adams, Tony L. [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 9:35 AM
To: Yu, Cathy [REDACTED]
Cc: Berner, Hannah [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Letter from Senator McCaskill regarding VA compensation for mustard gas experiments
Attachments: 2015-10-23 CMC to VA Mustard Gas Request.pdf

Cathy/Hannah,
I finally have the response to question three:

Deliverable 3: The numbers of people denied for mustard gas claims (if you have that)

Response: In 2005, VA began tracking mustard gas claims in its systems using a unique workload identifier. VA has identified 1,213 disability claims from 792 WWII Veterans based on Mustard Gas exposure that were submitted between October 1, 2005, and August 20, 2015. Of those unique claims, 1,028 were denied. The reasons for these denials include: (1) the claimed condition was not a mustard gas presumptive condition; (2) the Veteran was not exposed to mustard gas; or (3) VA obtained a medical opinion that the claimed condition was not caused by mustard gas exposure.

Also, does this answer the questions you needed in your letter to VA dated October 23rd and do you require a written response to that letter? Unfortunately, our letters take a significant amount of time to work through the whole clearance process.

Can I stop by your office next week (first week in December) to sync up the remaining requests your office has (i.e. call to the Regional Office). I want to make sure I'm not missing any requests from you.

Take care,
Tony
