

## **Navy Releases Public Health Review Documents – June 27, 2016**

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The Navy has released two public health reports associated with the Camp Justice public health review (PHR) currently in progress. The PHR is being conducted in response to a DoD IG hotline complaint filed last summer. The complaint alleges that since 2004 military and civilian personnel working for the DoD's Office of Military Commissions (OMC) at Naval Station (NS) Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, have been exposed to carcinogens in an area surrounding the OMC's trailers, tents, offices and courtrooms.

The PHR is part of a comprehensive process and thorough analysis to understand potential health risks for personnel serving at Camp Justice, a tenant command at NS Guantanamo Bay. The two reports provide information and data as of the date of the reports, and will contribute to the final report which is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Both reports are listed below with a brief description. Given the technical and complex nature of these, fact sheets were created to help provide context for some of the terms that were used in the reports, along with some additional updated sampling results to address the data gaps that were outlined in the February 2016 report.

### [NMCPHC Preliminary Public Health Screening Risk Assessment Report Camp Justice - 23 Feb 2016:](#)

This report provides an overview of the current status of the findings as of the date of the report, including recommendations to be taken between now and the completion of the PHR. The report was written by public health and environmental professionals from the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center, Portsmouth, VA. The report was compiled as a result of the preliminary risk screening assessment of the environmental sampling data for individual chemicals of concern collected to date. The report provides a compilation of what's taken place to date with risk management actions, and provides recommendations to address identified data gaps.

### [NMCPHC Public Health Review Report for Camp Justice - 21 Aug 2015:](#)

This report contains the results and findings from the August 4-8, 2015 visit made by Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center (NMCPHC) public health experts to Camp Justice. The purpose of the report was to compile information obtained from a preliminary assessment by the public health team which included an epidemiological review of medical data bases to determine whether a cancer cluster exists, gathering and reviewing available historical occupational health and environmental data, conducting an on-site walk-through survey of living and work environments, and assessing the need for collecting additional environmental data to fill data gaps.