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Re: OMB Control No. 2900 NEW, Open Burn Pit Registry Airborne Hazard Self-Assessment Questionnaire

To whom it may concern:

I have reviewed the above referenced questionnaire and would like to offer the following suggestions:

1. It is very important to detail each deployment, time, date, location, exposures, symptoms in theater, medical help. The exposures varied considerably depending on date of deployment, location.
2. The questions do not ask about specific exposures, burning solid waste, burning human waste, combat smoke, industrial smoke, open oil burning. This is important to determine if a service member had unique exposures such as the Mishraq Sulfur Mine fire or whether the service member had only the usual exposures.
3. Need specific medical history. Did the service member experience symptoms in theater or symptoms on return? Did he or she seek treatment in theater? Is he or she on any medications related to exposures? Have they been hospitalized?
4. Need more questions about activities of daily living. Does the service member have limitations with activities such as yard work, playing sports, playing with children, walking stairs.
5. Has the service member experienced job limitations due to symptoms, exercise limitation or illness?
6. Is he or she on respiratory medications, inhalers nebulizer treatments or oxygen?
7. Is the service member satisfied that their symptoms have been thoroughly evaluated? If not, why?
8. Need to include questions regarding respiratory health and exercise capacity before and after each deployment.
9. Need to ask about respiratory illness before and after deployment, specifically the diseases known to be associated with deployment. (Shortness of breath, asthma, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, sinusitis, constrictive bronchiolitis)

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