

## HR 4517

Examination of Exposures to Environmental Hazards During Military Service and Health Care for Atsugi Naval Air Facility Veterans and their Families Act of 2014

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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### Committee Activity

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Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 1, 2014
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### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Examination of Exposures to Environmental Hazards During Military Service and Health Care for Atsugi Naval Air Facility Veterans and their Families Act of 2014 - Directs the Secretaries of Defense (DOD) and Veterans Affairs (VA) to jointly establish the Advisory Board on Environmental Exposures at Atsugi Naval Air Facility to provide expert advice to DOD and VA on matters relating to exposure of current and former members of the Armed Forces (members) and their dependents to environmental hazards at Atsugi Naval Air Facility, Japan, during the period beginning in 1983 in which the air, water, or soil at such facility was contaminated due to an incinerator.

Requires the Board to: (1) consider and study cases of such exposure, (2) evaluate submitted exposure claims, and (3) recommend to such Secretaries that either a claim is insufficient to warrant further consideration or is sufficient to warrant health care or compensation. Authorizes the Board to convene a science panel to consider exposure claims and report results to the Board.

Authorizes the Secretary of Defense (Secretary) to provide to such members and dependents the health care benefits recommended by the Board.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) compile a list of individuals exposed to environmental hazards at the facility during the period in which the air, water, or soil was contaminated; and (2) report to the armed services and veterans' affairs committees on the compilation of such list.

Directs the Secretary to report annually to such committees on health care and other benefits provided under this Act, including a description of procedures used to identify exposed individuals.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 1, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **May 5, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 29, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 29, 2014:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.