

VSV Group,

If we come across any Veteran firefighters, I think we can really help them.

The following document appeared on 18 December in the Federal Register:

Response to Comments for the Department of Veterans Affairs to Assess the Current Scientific Literature and Historical Detailed Claims Data Regarding Exposure to Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) and Kidney Cancer

Link: <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2025-23311.pdf>

The VA is investigating the possible link between PFAS and Kidney Cancer. There are no current presumptive conditions linked to PFAS exposure. To win a claim a Veteran would need evidence of exposure and a medical nexus – a Nexus Letter from a qualified doctor.

The VA does not plan to start a PFAS Registry.

The Federal Register article is worth reading to see where we are if you feel you have been exposed.

PFAS and Firefighters

PFAS is common in firefighting foam.

If you were a firefighter in the military contact Allen, Mike J or me (Bob) so we can share the special DoD civilian benefits for firefighters. Active-duty military are not eligible, but Veterans potentially are if they were firefighters in the military for at least 5 years.

The VA does not recognize PFAS as presumptive for firefighters at this time. But, if one qualified for civilian compensation it would be a step in the right direction towards VA compensation. An individual Veteran cannot collect both, they have to decide which to use.

If you need to report a TERA exposure you can use the new Vet Home website:

<https://vethome.va.gov/>

I have tried this system myself, the response is fast and the follow up virtual intake was scheduled very quickly. I found it to be very thorough.

Bob, Mike and Allen