

Updates to the *P&P* for Adding *Non-Cancer Health Conditions to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions*

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■ Purpose of Revisions

- To add definitions of terms used in the Science Team evaluation.
- To clarify steps used in the Science Team evaluation.

■ Program Determination

- After policy review, all changes were determined to be non-substantive updates to the *Policy and Procedures*.

New Definitions Section

Added new section on definitions to clarify terms used in the *P&P* (Section I.B.)

- 9/11 agents
- 9/11 exposure
- 9/11-exposed population
- Causal association
- Hazard
- High-quality study
- List of WTC-related health conditions

Examples of Other Clarifying Language:

- Provides additional information on the literature search based on information in published in Federal Register Notices for individual petition evaluations (see Section III.B. and FN 17).
- Clarifies that information beyond that in identified high-quality studies can be used to assess biologic plausibility, coherence, and analogy (see Section IV.A.1. and FN 22).
- Clarifies that the Science Team considers study limitations when weighing the evidence in the evaluated high-quality studies (Section IV.A.3).
- Makes other changes throughout to clarify language. For example:
 - Removed ambiguous FNs. Previously FN 14: “Studies that do not fully meet the threshold to be identified as high-quality may be considered at the Science Team’s discretion.”