

Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record (ILER)

Examiner Job Aid



Purpose

This Job Aid provides an overview to contract examiners of information that can be found in the ILER summary, when one is provided within the Veteran's eFolder.



Audience

Examiners responsible for providing medical opinions regarding PACT Act-related conditions due to TERA participation.



Background

The Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record (ILER) is a joint Department of Defense (DoD) and VA web-based application that provides the ability to link a Veteran to military exposures and/or deployments to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and quality of care.

ILER currently provides access to over two million unique Veteran records and acts as a single access point to deployment history; including time, location, and military occupational specialty (MOS), occupational hazard data, environmental hazards known or later found, monitoring performance in the area(s), diagnosis, treatment, and laboratory data.

Guidance

Required Exposure Resources for Examiner Review



When the Veteran's *TERA Memorandum* shows *Yes* for questions 2A, 2B, or 2C, then the examiner is required to consider the exposure information provided in the ILER Individual Exposure Summary.

The exposure information related to the individual is grouped and displayed in one of the following tiles. **Note that if a tile is not present on a particular report, there is no data to report in that area.**

Individual Deployment History

The Individual Deployment History data is provided by DMDC and encompasses a complete history of a Veteran's military career: geographic location/country, start/end date of deployment, unit name/organization/unit number, and description of duty/work assignment.

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Exposure Pathways

Exposure Pathways are based on a collection of site-specific data to identify potential or actual exposure for an individual. Exposure Pathways contain the potential health hazard/exposure route, threat source, environment media, priority, exposure pathway start/end date, personnel assigned to exposure pathway, location, and number of samples.

Table 1: Interpreting "Personnel Assigned to Exposure Pathway"

If	Then
"Yes" is marked	The Veteran was located in the general vicinity of the exposure.
"No" is marked	The Veteran was at the location and may have been exposed and could possibly experience symptoms of exposure.

Periodic Occupational and Environmental Monitoring Summary (POEMS)

POEMS is a DoD provider-focused, technical document that describes Occupational and Environmental Health (OEH) exposures and associated health implications for a deployment location during a specific timeframe. POEMS describes the types of OEH hazards identified during that time and provides a characterization of the base camp population's exposures and potentially associated health effects. The documents provide a description of the risk estimates for short and long-term medical implications and any recommendations for medical action, follow-up, or surveillance. POEMS is based on all available site-specific OEH data, surveys, and reports, and is reviewed by Combatant and Command (COCOM) Force Health Protection (FHP) personnel.

Industrial Hygiene

Industrial Hygiene displays exposure information from the industrial hygiene assessments that were performed on each of the Similar Exposure Groups (SEG) to which the Veteran was assigned. Text in the Industrial Hygiene header will be **displayed in red** if any of the entries exceed the recommended exposure level.

Registry

The registry contains general information about the event, a listing of locations, any associated incident reports, and a listing of hazards tracked by the registry. Text in the Registry tile header will be **displayed in red** if any of the entries exceed the recommended exposure level. You will see a Registry tile for all individuals who have been associated to a Registry via an Individual Exposure Profile, Population Exposure Profile, or Potentially Exposed Population (PEP) through an Incident Report.

Incidents

Incidents are a comprehensive form to document all aspects of an incident and whether potentially exposed personnel exhibited signs or symptoms of exposure.