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Subject: RE: CLCW: VBA submission guidelines

(b) (6),

This is exactly what (b) (6) told me. And, he said it was me that advised them to treat any cancer as potentially having resulted from exposure to the contaminants at Lejeune. If I did and if that is resulting in a much greater referral for medical opinions, then I am sorry for that.

My concern, however, is for the 20,000 non-cancer disabilities that have been denied. If we are requesting opinions without some evidence suggesting that the contaminants at Lejeune caused these, then that is inappropriate. (b) (6) tells me that they have such evidence. I have to take him at his word unless we find that is not what is happening. A review of some pending claims files where the issues are non-cancerous?

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This is the guidance I received from (b) (6). Can you offer anything additional?

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Good Afternoon,
Please see the comments below from VBA concerning when they should submit a request for a medical opinion.

Guidance we received from Compensation Service regarding the list of conditions and the ordering of exams, instructed us to treat any cancer as if it were on the list. Additionally, if the Veteran has evidence of the claimed condition and medical evidence of a potential link or a positive private medical opinion, then we request a SME exam. There may be other situations I am missing at this point; however, that should cover most of the situations you are seeing.

Thank you,

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(b) (6),

What are the guidelines for VSR's to submit a request for medical opinions? I am trying explain this to the SMEs. We receive lots of request that are outside the list. My assumption is if the claim is CLCW and the Veteran has symptoms or a condition then we receive the request. Please advise.

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