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The Loggerhead Which is Killing People Exposed to Agent Orange Herbicides on Guam

Ralph Stanton for Salem-News.com

Veterans: Please Write to Diane Zumatto National Legislative Director.

(WASHINGTON DC) - To all concerned, it is not hard to see from these reports from the Guam Cancer Registry that there is something bad going on on Guam.

Are we going to allow this terrible injustice to continue to be swept under the rug?

These results do not include veterans, they are for Guam residents only. Veterans have been left out of the study intentionally. It is not clear why. Stand up and be counted.

To all, Can you make some recommendations to Diane Zumatto to tackle this issue of uncooperative stance by the department of veterans affairs and the department of defense, as well as other federal agencies who could provide much needed help for Dr. Robert Haddock of Guam.

I recommend that the IOM AO Committee make reference to this loggerhead which is killing people exposed to agent orange herbicides on Guam. Many have died and didn't even know why or how. It's time to give real support to Dr. Haddock and if possible reinstate Dr. Luis Szyfres to work with Dr. Haddock to get'r done.

Ethnic Disparities in Cancer Incidence Rates Observed among Guam Residents, 2003-2007

- **CHAMORROS:** high incidence rates for cancers of the **mouth and pharynx** (18.0 vs. 10.3 U.S.), **nasopharynx** (8.6 vs. 0.6 U.S.), **liver** (17.0 vs. 5.8 U.S.), and **cervix** (11.6 vs. 8.1 U.S.)
- **FILIPINOS:** did not have the highest incidence rate for any cancer site and had the lowest incidence rates for **stomach** (2.1 vs. U.S. 6.7), **liver** (5.1) and **cervix** (5.5)
- **MICRONESIANS:** highest incidence rates of all the ethnic groups on Guam for cancers of the **mouth & pharynx** (29.4), **lung & bronchus** (174.7 vs. U.S. 67.7), **liver** (38.2), **cervix** (21.1) and **thyroid** (34.9 vs. 10.1 U.S.)



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- **ASIANS:** highest incidence rates for **stomach** (24.4 vs. U.S. 6.7), **pancreas** (17.4 vs. U.S. 11.3), **colon-rectum-anus** (73.7 vs. U.S. 48.3), and **breast** (108.4 vs. U.S. 117.7)
- **CAUCASIANS:** high incidence rates for cancers of the **mouth & pharynx** (26.7 vs. U.S. 10.3), and the highest rates for cancer of the **esophagus** (15.4 vs. U.S. 4.9), **prostate** (188.3 vs. U.S. 142.4), **urinary bladder** (18.1 vs. U.S. 21.1), **non-Hodgkin lymphoma** (25.1 vs. U.S. 18.9), and **leukemia** (18.7 vs. U.S. 11.6)

NOTE: All rates are age adjusted and expressed as cases per 100,000 population of the respective ethnic group.

Source: *Guam Cancer Facts and Figures 2003-2007*

