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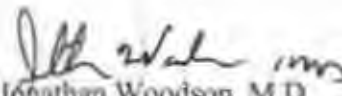
MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
(FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION AND READINESS)

SUBJECT: Defense Health Board "Deployment Pulmonary Health" Report

The Defense Health Board (DHB) is a Federal Advisory Committee to the Secretary of Defense which provides independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to operational programs, health policy development, health research programs, requirements for the treatment and prevention of disease and injury, promotion of health, and the delivery of health care to Department of Defense (DoD) beneficiaries. In response to a tasking from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness dated January 20, 2012, the Defense Health Board developed recommendations to address deployment-related pulmonary health issues to include a comprehensive approach for health assessment, disease prevention, and direction for future research and surveillance.

The attached report is forwarded to your office to assess the findings and recommendations in the report and determine potential adoption and implementation within DoD. Please also prepare for my signature a response to the DHB within 180 days from the date of this memorandum.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact (b)(6) at (b)(6), or (b)(6).


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Attachment:
As stated

cc:
President, Defense Health Board
Surgeon General of the Army
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Surgeon General of the Air Force
Director, Defense Health Agency