"WHAT OUR ASSOCIATION CONTINUES TO ADVOCATE FOR "

The Agent Orange Association of Canada Inc. supports the changes announced on December 22, 2010 in Fredericton, N. B. by the Minister of Veterans Affairs, Minister Blackburn, as a step in the right direction but there is a lot more work to do!

ITEMS WE HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING FOR and as of December 22, 2010 our Federal Government has APPROVED & IMPLIMENTED:

1. The Ex-Gratia payment has been continued until June 30, 2011 to obtain a relevant medical diagnosis and to submit an application for the ex gratia payment.
2. Applicants will no longer have to prove that a medical diagnosis was in progress prior to February 6, 2006.
3. The requirement for applicants to have been alive on February 6, 2006 has been removed.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE for the Military & Civilians who were exposed to these toxic chemicals at CFB Gagetown and Surrounding Areas. Our work is far from over!! We sincerely believe that the following items still need to be responsibly and adequately addressed:

ITEMS OUR ASSOCIATION CONTINUES TO ADVOCATE FOR:

• We advocate for the years of the spraying of Code Names Agent Orange, Agent Purple and White and other toxic herbicides to be changed from 1966-1967 and have our Federal Government recognize the correct dates of 1956 to 1984 when these spray programs occurred.
• Expand the list of diseases to mirror the current Institute of Medicine (IOM) listings and add the diseases caused by Agent Purple and White.
• The introduction of additional programs that support the long term care and livelihood of veterans and civilians who were exposed to these toxic herbicides.
• A disability plan for those suffering from permanent disabilities or terminal health conditions that cannot provide adequate support for themselves or their immediate families do to exposure to Agent Orange and the other toxic herbicides sprayed at the Base and surrounding communities.
• We also advocate for our Federal Government to provide for medical testing of those who believe they have been exposed to these toxic chemicals so they can receive the appropriate medical care.
• Support for an ongoing national program that keeps physicians current on the latest science and medical discoveries associated with Agent Orange and the other toxic herbicides sprayed at Base Gagetown that verifies the link between exposure to these contaminants and human health risk. *and*
• most important - Full Public Inquiry

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