

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Public Health Review Update - August 14, 2015

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This week public health professionals from the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center completed their preliminary assessment as part of a public health review. While a complete and final report is not yet finished, initial findings indicated that the buildings at the Office of Military Commissions (OMC) at Guantanamo Bay are habitable for occupancy.

The review is being conducted to address allegations that military and civilian personnel who worked at the OMC were likely exposed to carcinogens.

The public health team used protocols set by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) which include a review of historical documentation, medical records and industrial hygiene and habitability assessments. The public health team will continue to compile their report and present their final assessments and recommendations by the end of the month to Navy leadership.

Following a thorough review of the public health team's report, leadership will determine any additional steps that may be necessary.

For updates on the public health review, visit

http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/ns_guantanamo_bay.html