# Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission

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## Background Materials

| Provided by the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis | |
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| **Material** | **Notes** |
| Overview of Problem: Harmful Chemical Exposure at Base Gagetown | *See* pages 24-27 of "Meeting Materials" for September 18, 2026 |
| Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission Report (January 2024) | |
| **Federal Government Resources** | |
| **Material** | **Author** |
| "Veterans and Agent Orange: Update 11 (2018)" | National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; Health and Medicine Division; Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice; Committee to Review the Health Effects in Vietnam Veterans of Exposure to Herbicides (Eleventh Biennial Update; November 15, 2018) |
| "Public Health: Herbicide Tests and Storage Outside the U.S." | United States Department of Veterans Affairs (updated May 11, 2026) |
| Substance Profile: "2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin" | Report on Carcinogens, Fifteenth Edition (December 2021). |
| Substance Profile: "Hexachlorobenzene" | Report on Carcinogens, Fifteenth Edition (December 2021). |
| "The PACT Act and Your VA benefits" | United States Department of Veterans Affairs (updated June 2, 2026) |
| "Agent Orange Exposure and Disability Compensation" | United States Department of Veterans Affairs (updated September 15, 2025) |
| "ARCHIVED – The Use of Herbicides at CFB Gagetown from 1952 to Present Day" | Canadian National Defence (last updated December 13, 2018) |
| SI/2007-87, "Testing of Unregistered US Military Herbicides, including Agent Orange, at CFB Gagetown Ex Gratia Payments Order" | Canadian Minister of Justice (current to September 21, 2026) |

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| **Material** | **Author** |
| Veterans' Healthcare Benefits: "Agent Orange/Agent Purple" | Maine Bureau of Veterans' Service |
| **Scientific Research** | |
| **Material** | **Author and Notes** |
| "CFB Herbicide Spray Programs: 1952-2004 Fact-Finders' Report" | Dr. Dennis Furlong (2007), published on Prevent Cancer Now (November 2023) |
| "Task 3A-1: Toxicological Risk Assessment Pertaining To Potential Occupational And Related Exposures Associated With Herbicide Spraying Operations at CFB Gagetown – Tier 1 – 1966-67 U.S. Trials – Manufacturing Impurities (Contaminants)" | Cantox Environmental (July 2006), published on Prevent Cancer Now (November 2023)<br>*** Pages 24-28 distributed to Commission on October 2, 2026, following members' request for a list of tactical herbicides sprayed at Base Gagetown* |
| Appendix H: "Peer Review Comments, Health Canada Comments and Cantox Environmental Response Comments" | Peer review: Michalek et al. (June 23 2006), published on Prevent Cancer Now (November 2023) |
| **Media** | |
| **Material** | **Author** |
| Article: "60 years ago, Agent Orange was sprayed at CFB Gagetown. Vets want to know: are toxins still in the soil?" | CBC (June 18, 2026) |
| Article: "Ex-soldier says he watched barrels of Agent Orange being buried at Gagetown base" | CBC (May 23, 2018) |
| Podcast: "The Legacy of Agent Orange: 60 years on, veterans are still fighting for recognition over Agent Orange Spraying at CFB Gagetown" | CBC's *The Sunday Magazine* (June 14, 2026) |
| **Provided by Commission Members** | |
| **Material** | **Notes** |
| Petition 451-00899 (Environmental): Petition to the Canadian Government to conduct an inquiry into the history of CFB Gagetown's toxic herbicide program and the Base Gagetown and Area Fact Finding Project/Report | Provided by Jan McColm, from the Canadian House of Commons (last updated June 8, 2026) |
| Example of National Guard Compensation for Training at Base Gagetown | Provided by Karen St. Peter; *see* pages 197- 205 of "Meeting Materials" for October 2, 2026" |

| Provided by Commission Members (cont'd) | |
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| "Appendix B: Limitations of the Furlong Report and Task 3A-Tier 1 Risk Assessment" | Provided by Jan McColm, from Pensions Advocates for the Canadian Bureau of Pensions Advocates Lisa Laird; *see* pages 206-216 of "Meeting Materials" for October 2, 2026" |
| "Sample of Arguments Frequently Presented to [Veterans Review and Appeal Board] VRAB" | Provided by Jan McColm, from Pensions Advocates for the Canadian Bureau of Pensions Advocates Lisa Laird; *see* pages 217-235 of "Meeting Materials" for October 2, 2026" |
| "Exhibits frequently filed with the Veterans Review and Appeal Board" | Provided by Jan McColm, from Pensions Advocates for the Canadian Bureau of Pensions Advocates Lisa Laird; *see* page 236 of "Meeting Materials" for October 2, 2026" |