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Background Materials

Provided by the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis	
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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State Government Resources	
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) *** 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)
Article: "Veterans, families call for better access to make claims for exposure-related illness"	CBC (November 9, 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)	
Material	**Notes**
"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"