



**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
NATIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS COUNCIL #53**

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December 12, 2016

Robert M. Walton, Director  
South Texas Veterans, HCS  
7400 Merton Minter Blvd.  
San Antonio, TX 78229-4404

Subject: VISN 17 – South Texas Veterans, HCS, 11-16-83 Processing Persian Gulf Veterans  
Claiming Exposure to Toxic Chemicals Policy  
(AFGE Local 2281, AFGE Local 3511 and AFGE Local 4032)

Dear Mr. Walton:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 1 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demand to bargain on VISN 17 – STVHCS processing Persian Gulf Veterans Claiming Exposure to Toxic Chemicals as cited above within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee, President, NVAC will be naming a Chief Negotiator and team members. Please provide the named negotiation team with all information and/or data related to this subject. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management Chief Negotiator in this matter receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The Mid-Term Bargaining Committee may request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. If you have any questions please call me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.  
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee  
2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Vice President  
National VA Council #53

cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
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