

# VCF Program Statistics (Represents activity through the end of the day on March 31, 2016)

The December 18, 2015 statutory reauthorization of the VCF created two groups of claims – Group A and Group B. Group A claims are claims for which a loss was determined and a letter notifying the claimant of the loss calculation decision on the claim was issued on or before December 17, 2015. Group B claims are those that are not in Group A.

This report includes statistics on the status of Group A payments, Group A compensation claims, and Eligibility decisions rendered for both Group A and Group B claims. Under the statute, the VCF cannot render compensation decisions on Group B claims until the updated regulations are published and funding becomes available to pay Group B claims. Funding is not available to pay Group B claims until all Group A payments have been made or October 2016, whichever is earlier.

The VCF is focusing the bulk of its resources on the tasks necessary to issue Group A payments as soon as practicable as required by the reauthorization statute. Future reports will provide additional detail on Group B claims once the updated regulations are published and the VCF finishes modifying its systems to separate and track Group A and Group B activity.

#### **GROUP A PAYMENTS**

Table 1 provides information on Group A payments authorized by the Special Master as of March 31, 2016. Once the Special Master authorizes the payment, it must pass through several quality control steps before the Treasury Department makes the actual transfer of funds into the designated bank account. The VCF has identified a number of claims with issues preventing payment and is working with claimants to resolve these issues as quickly as possible. There are a total of 9,131 claims in Group A.

| Payments Authorized   | March 31, 2016   |
|---|------------------|
| Expedited Claims Authorized for Full Payment  | 166              |
| Non-expedited Claims Authorized for Full Payment  | 3,458            |
| Total Group A Claims Authorized for Full Payment  | 3,624            |
| Total Amount Authorized for Payment as of March 31, 2016 – includes all claims authorized for initial 10% pro-rated payment or full payment | \$814,981,282.60 |

**Table 1: Status of Group A Payments** 

#### **ELIGIBILITY CLAIMS**

As of March 31, 2016, the VCF has made 18,670 eligibility decisions, finding 13,961 claimants eligible for compensation review. This includes 17,666 decisions rendered prior to the December 18, 2015 reauthorization of the VCF and 1,004 decisions rendered after the reauthorization.

Table 2 on the following page shows the status of Eligibility Forms received by the VCF and comparative data from one year ago, where available. Eligibility Forms for Deceased Individuals includes only those claimants who died of causes related to their 9/11 eligible condition. The statistics in the table include eligibility claims submitted before the date of the reauthorization. Under the statute, new claims cannot be filed until the updated regulations have been published. Although some claimants submitted claims between the date of the reauthorization and the date the claim forms were removed from the online system, those claims are not included in the statistics below as they were filed after the reauthorization was enacted.



Table 2: Status of Eligibility Forms Received (includes forms received before December 18, 2015)

| ELIGIBILITY FORMS   | March 31,2016 | March 31,2015 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Total Eligibility Forms Submitted before December 18, 2015  | 21,952        | 18,895        |
| Total Decisions Rendered                                    | 18,670        | 10,727        |
| Eligibility Decisions – Approved                            | 13,961        | 10,549        |
| Personal Injury Claims                                      | 13,777        | 10,467        |
| Claims for Deceased Individuals                             | 184           | 82            |
| Eligibility Decisions – Not Eligible                        | 4,709         | 178           |
| Personal Injury Claims                                      | 4,525         | 174           |
| Claims for Deceased Individuals                             | 184           | 4             |
| Eligibility Reviews in Progress                             | 2,370         | 1,222         |
| Claims on hold awaiting requested information from Claimant | 912           | 6,946         |

### **COMPENSATION CLAIMS – GROUP A**

The Special Master cannot render decisions on Group B compensation claims until the updated regulations are published. As a result, the only changes to the information on compensation claim activity since the annual report published in February 2016 are changes to the total dollar value of the Group A loss determinations. These changes are due to an increase in loss as a result of an appeal, a decrease in loss as a result of a supplemental lawsuit settlement payment that was not known to the VCF at the time the loss was originally calculated, or a correction to a loss determination due to a VCF processing or computation error.

Table 3: Status of Compensation Decisions Rendered for Group A Claims (as of March 31, 2016)

| COMPENSATION DECISIONS RENDERED  | As of 03/31/2016 | Dollar Value       |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Decisions Rendered               | 9,131            | \$1,812,253,460.42 |
| Personal Injury Claims           | 9,113            | \$1,802,858,009.86 |
| Claims for Deceased Individuals* | 18               | \$9,395,450.56     |
| Highest Amount                   |                  | \$4,133,466.00     |
| Personal Injury Claims           |                  | \$4,133,466.00     |
| Claims for Deceased Individuals  |                  | \$2,149,321.14     |
| Lowest Amount**                  |                  | \$10,000.00        |
| Mean Dollar Value                |                  | \$199,389.75       |
| Personal Injury Claims           |                  | \$198,749.64       |
| Claims for Deceased Individuals  |                  | \$521,969.48       |

<sup>\*</sup> Statistics for Claims for Deceased Individuals includes only those claimants who died of causes directly related to their 9/11 eligible condition.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The \$10,000.00 in the table represents the lowest amount for any claim for which compensation was calculated. Note that there are also claims submitted by claimants who were fully compensated in VCF1 (the original VCF that operated between 2001-2004) and do not have any new conditions. These claimants do not receive any compensation. The associated dollar value for these claims is therefore \$0.00.



Table 4: Compensation Decisions by Categories of Conditions (as of March 31, 2016)

| COMPENSATION FORMS              | TOTAL              | Claims with<br>Cancer as the<br>only Condition | Claims for only<br>Non-Cancer<br>Conditions | Claims with both<br>Cancer and Non-<br>Cancer<br>Conditions |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--|---|---|
| Compensation Decisions Rendered | 9,131              | 836  | 7,106                                       | 1,189   |
| Total Dollar Value              | \$1,812,253,460.42 | \$278,520,640.22                               | \$1,145,985,223.47                          | \$387,747,596.73  |

The table below provides details on the compensation decisions. Statistics on the compensation amounts by claimant category are based on the category identified by the claimant at the time the Eligibility Form was submitted.

Table 5: Compensation Decisions Rendered – Compensation Amounts by Self-Reported Claimant Category

(based on the category identified by the claimant at the time the Eligibility Form was submitted)

| COMPENSATION DECISIONS RENDERED                  | As of 3/31/2016 | Dollar Value       |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|
| Responder-NYC                                    | 7,730           | \$1,606,494,692.85 |
| Responder-Pentagon                               | 6               | \$1,139,718.55     |
| Responder-Shanksville                            | 2               | \$60,000.00        |
| Non-Responder NYC - cleaning or maintenance work | 394             | \$37,148,108.17    |
| Non-Responder NYC - other capacity               | 702             | \$121,983,461.79   |
| Resident within NYC zone                         | 108             | \$18,438,451.42    |
| Attend school/childcare/adult care facility      | 8               | \$865,250.00       |
| NYC - Other Capacity*                            | 47              | \$5,960,150.57     |
| Non-Responder - Pentagon                         | 4               | \$1,593,537.60     |
| No Response                                      | 130             | \$18,570,089.47    |

<sup>\*</sup> Includes visitors, tourists, and any individual who was in the exposure zone during the relevant time period and is not included in another category.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

In order to allow potential claimants to meet the deadlines established in the Zadroga Act even if they are uncertain whether they will eventually file a claim, the VCF has continued to allow individuals an opportunity to "register" with the Fund, thereby preserving the right to file a claim any time before the VCF closes to submissions on December 18, 2020. Registration does not create an obligation or commitment to file a claim, and the Special Master expects that a large percentage of registrations will not result in claims being filed as they are either duplicates or were created by individuals who will eventually decide not to file a claim. In advance of certain deadlines, the VCF has also allowed individuals to file an "Interim Registration," which serves the same purpose as a "Registration." As of this report, 67,295 registrations have been filed with the VCF.