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Dear Dr. Clouston and Dr. Luft,

Thank you for your submission to add the health condition “Dementia before age 65 years old and Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI)” to the List of World Trade Center (WTC)-Related Health Conditions (List), which the WTC Health Program received February 3, 2025. The WTC Health Program reviewed your submission and determined that it meets the requirements of Program regulations at 42 C.F.R. § 88.16(a)(1) to be a valid petition (Petition 057).

In response to a valid petition, the Administrator of the WTC Health Program must take one of the following four actions described in Section 3312(a)(6)(B) of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010 (42 U.S.C. § 300mm-22(a)(6)(B)) and 42 C.F.R. § 88.16(a)(2) within 90 days: (i) request a recommendation of the Scientific/Technical Advisory Committee; (ii) publish a proposed rule in the *Federal Register* to add such health condition; (iii) publish in the *Federal Register* the Administrator’s determination not to publish such a proposed rule and the basis for such determination; or (iv) publish in the *Federal Register* a determination that insufficient evidence exists to take action under (i) through (iii) above.

Based on the information provided in your petition, the WTC Health Program is currently evaluating whether to add “Dementia before age 65 years old and MCI” to the List. For information about the methodology used by the WTC Health Program to evaluate requests for the addition of a non-cancer condition, please see *Policy and Procedures for Adding Non-Cancer Conditions to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions*.<sup>1</sup> The results of the evaluation, and the corresponding action taken (see (i) through (iv) above), will be published in the near future in the *Federal Register* and on the WTC Health Program’s website at: [www.cdc.gov/wtc](http://www.cdc.gov/wtc).

If you have questions specific to the WTC Health Program, please do not hesitate to contact us via phone at 1-888-982-4748 or email at [WTC@cdc.gov](mailto:WTC@cdc.gov).

Sincerely,

John Howard, M.D.  
Administrator  
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<sup>1</sup> *Policy and Procedures for Adding Non-Cancer Conditions to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions* is available on the WTC Health Program’s website, at <http://www.cdc.gov/wtc/policies.html>.