STAC Recommendations on Independent Peer Review and the Policies and Procedures used to Add Conditions to the List of Covered Conditions

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Recommendation 1.

The peer review and public comment should be sequential so the public commenters have access to the peer review comments.

Recommendation 2.

For any condition for which the Administrator determines there is modest or substantial support for adding it as a WTC covered condition the Administrator should secure external peer review of the determination.

Recommendation 3.

Any written peer reviews should be made public whether or not the Administrator determines to propose rulemaking.

Recommendation 4.

To the extent feasible, the Administrator and peer reviewers should consider scientific evidence beyond 9/11 studies including epidemiologic, toxicologic, and mechanistic studies when relevant.

Recommendation 5.

The Administrator should develop and implement a process to solicit from the public recommendations of scientific experts to perform peer review.