

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

**Passed during the June 2016 meeting**

## ***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.