

MARSHALL ISLANDS RADIOLOGICAL SAFETY  
PROBLEM AREAS

1. Whole body counting:
  - a. Logistical support inadequate, philosophical differences on need for WB counting with NV staff (Roger Ray).
  - b. Liaison with Marshallese is poor.
  - c. Additional data needed now for Bikini and Japtan residents
2. Communications:
  - a. No clear assignment of responsibilities.
  - b. Coordination channels between DOE HQ. and TT HQ not open.
  - c. No effort being made to determine best, most effective, way to communicate technical information to the Marshallese.
3. Radiological followup in Marshalls:
  - a. Logistics are poor, rad followup effort subordinated to medical effort which is funding for logistics. OES not funding for logistics.
  - b. There are not enough SP branch manhours to properly follow LLL, BNL, and Univ. of Wash. contracts.
  - c. Coordination of OES and BER programs not what it could be.
4. Enewetak Cleanup:
  - a. Disposal of radioactive debris and Pu contaminated soil leaves a U.S. legacy. It is not yet clear this belongs to DOD, not DOE.
  - b. Planting of coconuts should not be done in the northern islands, Kate through Wilma. This word may not have reached DOI and H&N.
  - c. The requirement for a final dose assessment to be performed by LLL has not been formally laid on.

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5. Northern Marshalls survey:
  - a. The survey is late. Answers are going to be required before work is finished.
  - b. Our understanding of how to communicate with the Marshallese is poor. A lot of questions will be raised by the survey.
6. DOE credibility as advisor to DOI and DOD:
  - a. The return of people to live in Bikini Atoll has been aborted. AEC said they could return.
  - b. Questions are being asked if Enewetak will be another Bikini.
  - c. Utirik people have shown thyroid problems similar to Rongelap after being told their doses were much lower and no such effects were expected.
  - d. DOE efforts to study and understand radiological conditions in the Marshalls is being seen by some as performing experiments using the people as research subjects.

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