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AEC ANNOUNCES DANGER AREA FOR ENIWETOK NUCLEAR TESTS

As part of the safety precautions for the forthcoming nuclear tests at the Eniwetok Proving Ground, the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission today issued public notice of the danger area which will be established in the Pacific Ocean effective April 5, 1958.

This notice is being given the widest possible distribution through marine, aviation, and international organizations.

The area is generally rectangular in shape and comprises roughly 390,000 square nautical miles. It is approximately the same size as the danger area used in the 1956 test series, but its east and west boundaries have been shifted approximately 120 nautical miles to the west.

The Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Defense have announced that the forthcoming test series will advance the development of weapons for defense against aggression whether air-borne, missile-borne, or otherwise mounted. Information on the effects of weapons will be obtained for military and civilian defense use. An important objective of the tests will be the further development of nuclear weapons with greatly reduced radioactive fallout so that radiation hazard may be restricted to the military target.

There will be a post operation radiological survey of the danger area. Although it is estimated that most, if not all, of the danger area will be disestablished during August 1958, it is not now possible to set the exact date.

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Effective April 5, 1958 all ships, aircraft and personnel are cautioned to remain clear of the area bounded by a line joining the following geographic coordinates:

18° 30' N.,	156° 00' E.
18° 30' N.,	170° 00' E.
11° 30' N.,	170° 00' E.
11° 30' N.,	166° 16' E.
10° 15' N.,	166° 16' E.
10° 15' N.,	156° 00' E.