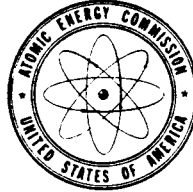


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Subject: ENIWETOK RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY

Purpose: To inform the Commission of current activities on Eniwetok Atoll and of related historical and funding data.

Discussion: In connection with the announced intention of the United States to return Eniwetok Atoll to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI), the Department of Interior (DOI), Department of Defense (DOD), and AEC have developed a comprehensive and coordinated program to carry out the necessary survey, cleanup, and rehabilitation efforts to permit future resettlement of the atoll by the Eniwetok people.

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Eniwetok Atoll was designated a nuclear testing site in 1947 and used for such purpose from 1948 through 1958. The last of 43 tests was conducted in July 1958, and all tests have been listed publicly. In early 1948, the Eniwetok people (original number: 136; now: 432) were relocated to Ujelang Atoll where they still reside.

AEC is responsible for conducting a radiological survey, assessing the results, and establishing criteria and constraints for cleanup and rehabilitation, involving other agencies, as appropriate. Within Headquarters, DBER, DOS, and AGMA are each responsible for specific parts of this overall AEC responsibility. In the field, NVO is responsible for conducting the radiological survey with the support of laboratory and contractor personnel. Examples of the complex radiological situation existing on Eniwetok are provided.

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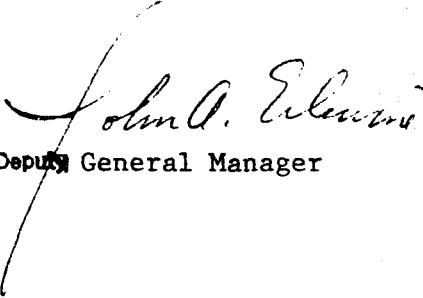
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Funding responsibilities have been divided between DOI, DOD, and AEC. DOD is responsible for an engineering survey and for cleanup activities to include support of monitoring and survey efforts. DOI is responsible for rehabilitation costs. AEC is funding for the radiological aspects of the precleanup survey and will be responsible for longer range radiological efforts which might be necessary to define further the environment or to maintain follow-up surveillance. Radiological efforts directly in support of cleanup would be funded by DOD.

After initial weather delays in the conduct of the radiological survey, it is now progressing satisfactorily with completion estimated in mid-February 1973.

Recommendation: That the Commission note the current status of these activities and the potential requirement for future efforts in support of cleanup, rehabilitation, and resettlement.

Coordination: Divisions of Biomedical and Environmental Research and Operational Safety have concurred in this memorandum.


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