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SUBJECT: Enewetak Atoll Permits

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1. Reference letter, PODCO, 8 March 1977.
2. The proposed permits forwarded by referenced letter have been reviewed and found to be unacceptable as written. The original Office of Management and Budget (OMB) tasking for the Enewetak Cleanup directed the Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA) to perform necessary radiological monitoring and survey; DNA to conduct the cleanup; and the Department of Interior (DOI) to perform necessary rehabilitation. ERDA has already completed a baseline study of the ciguatera situation at Enewetak as described in the attached letter from Dr. Forster. In addition, ERDA conducted an extensive radiological survey in 1972-1973 which included radiation levels in most fish, flora and fauna commonly found at Enewetak. Follow-on studies will be conducted by ERDA as described in the attached letter from Mr. Deal. As a result, FCDNA cannot accept responsibility for the conduct of these programs as a part of the permit. A memorandum of agreement between ERDA and Fish and Wildlife Service (F&WS) could be the vehicle to satisfy F&WS's concerns. It is suggested a meeting be held later this month in Honolulu with representatives from F&WS, ERDA and FCDNA to discuss the ERDA programs and determine how they can meet the F&WS requirements.

3. Request the permits be changed as follows:

a. Permit PODCO-O 1298-S.

Lagoon dumping

- (1) Delete special condition a for reasons given above.
- (2) Delete special condition b. It appears to be a catchall which does not affect the permit. In addition, the disposal of noncontaminated metal and concrete rubble covered by the permit appears to be precluded by this condition which states that no debris shall be allowed to enter the water.

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b. Permit PGOCO-O 1299-S.

Access channels from

(1) Change special condition b to allow two channels at Enjebi (Janet) as well as Runit (Yvonne).

(2) Change special condition e to allow a fifth channel to be blasted off Tilda.

(3) Delete special condition j as being inconsistent with stated purpose of permit.

c. Permit PODCO-O 1300-S. Delete special conditions f and g for the reasons given in paragraph 2 above.

Water Encrypment from

FOR THE COMMANDER:


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1. Ltr, ERDA HQ,
18 Apr 77
2. Ltr, ERDA HQ,
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