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MISSION AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
COMMANDER, FIELD COMMAND  
DEFENSE ATOMIC SUPPORT AGENCY

SECTION I

COMMAND

The Field Command, Defense Atomic Support Agency (FC, DASA), is a subordinate command of the Defense Atomic Support Agency (DASA).

SECTION II

Commander, Field Command, as an operating agent of Director, DASA, shall provide technical, logistical, and training advice and services in the field of nuclear weapons in support of Director, DASA's mission to assist the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS), the Military Departments, the Military Services within those departments, and the Unified and Specified Commands.

SECTION III

BASIC FUNCTIONS

1. Command all stockpile sites and field agencies assigned.
2. Maintain over-all surveillance of the nuclear weapons stockpile.
3. Provide a technical inspection system to insure standardization of the assembly, maintenance, retrofit procedures, and storage of nuclear weapons.
4. As directed by the Director, DASA, provide nuclear weapons technical and logistical services.
5. Exercise administrative control, as defined in Section IV, over Headquarters DASA Weapons Test Division (Sandia).
6. Operate a Nuclear Weapons School and provide training services, as required, to meet the needs of all Department of Defense (DOD) components and other cognizant agencies.
7. Observe and report on Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) quality assurance programs, including procedures and practices, reports, and systems of acceptance inspection at all levels.

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8. Provide centralized coordination, as appropriate, with the field operations offices of the AEC and contractors.

9. Establish, operate, and maintain a communication system, as required, to meet designated operational responsibilities.

10. Perform such other functions as directed.

#### SECTION IV

##### RESPONSIBILITIES

1. In commanding all stockpile sites and field agencies assigned, the Commander, FC, DASA, will:

a. As appropriate, coordinate the activities of tenant organizations not under the command of DASA.

b. Insure that emergency war plans requirements can be satisfied at all sites under the operational control of the Commander, FC, DASA.

c. Provide for the internal security of the National Stockpile Sites (NSS's).

2. In maintaining over-all surveillance of the nuclear weapons stockpile, the Commander, FC, DASA, will:

a. Operate an accounting system and maintain an Office of Record to provide timely information on the status and world-wide location of the war reserve (WR) nuclear stockpile, including the general reserve of nuclear weapons of the JCS.

b. Insure that the established criteria for positioning and configuration of the general reserve of nuclear weapons of the JCS are met.

c. Arrange and control the dispersal, exchange, and return of War Reserve weapons, Stockpile Assemblies and components between AEC, field agencies and the DOD, as directed by Director, DASA.

d. Establish maintenance, retrofit, and sampling program schedules in conjunction with AEC and Service logistic agencies.

e. Perform nuclear and non-nuclear maintenance, and field retrofit programs as scheduled at assigned National Stockpile Sites (NSS's). Effect coordination of this work with AEC representatives, as required.

f. Effect with the AEC field agencies the exchange of weapons and equipment for repair, retrofits, and quality assurance.

g. Handle and transport all nuclear weapons within National Stockpile Sites (NSS's).

h. When notified by Director, DASA, of AEC releases, insure that weapons are available for maneuvers.

i. Review and coordinate with appropriate AEC, DASA, and Service activities, and approve proposed retrofits of weapons material and equipment.

j. Maintain an Unsatisfactory Report System covering;

(1) unsatisfactory items for which the AEC has design, development, production, and storage responsibility, and

(2) technical manuals and procedures for items for which the AEC has design, development, production, and storage responsibility.

k. Conduct or assist in conducting initial stockpile acceptance inspection of AEC-procured nuclear weapons and nuclear weapons material, when required.

l. Perform depot-level maintenance, repair, calibration, and field retrofit of nuclear weapons material in support of Services, as required.

m. Evaluate all reports of nuclear accidents and incidents and publish, and distribute to authorized organizations, periodic analyses of appropriate accident and incident information.

n. Maintain and operate a Joint Nuclear Accident Coordinating Center (JNACC) in conjunction with the AEC/Albuquerque Operations Office (ALO) to provide assistance in, and effect coordination for, the response to nuclear accidents, as requested.

o. In accordance with guidance provided by Director, DASA develop policies and procedures for combating fires involving nuclear weapons.

p. Establish procedures and maintain necessary supervision to insure that weapons and weapons material; excluding those undergoing sampling, retrofit or retirement by the AEC; stored at National Stockpile Sites and the Naval Operational Storage Site, are maintained in a state of functional readiness.

3. In providing a technical inspection system, Commander, FC, DASA, as the representative of Director, DASA, will:

a. Assist the Services in establishing and maintaining their own technical inspection systems to assure compliance with nuclear weapons technical directives.

b. Perform technical inspections on a selective sample basis to determine the status of maintenance of nuclear weapons materials and to assure standardization of maintenance and assembly procedures by Service nuclear weapons organizations.

c. Provide technical standards for Service technical inspection systems.

d. Maintain continuous liaison with Service inspection agencies to insure that they receive current information on new nuclear weapons procedures and developments.

e. Advise the Director, DASA, as to the technical status of the WR stockpile of nuclear weapons and recommend action to correct any deficiency or condition limiting employment.

f. Perform other technical inspections.

4. In providing nuclear weapons technical and logistical services, the Commander, FC, DASA, will:

a. Conduct the following research and development activities in connection with nuclear weapons and associated components.

(1) Obtain and provide consolidated Service guidance to the AEC on those weapons and/or weapon components for which AEC has responsibility.

(a) Such guidance shall be within the framework of, but not limited to, approved military characteristics.

(b) Guidance shall insure that the requirements of Service-specified weapons systems, and other possible interests of all Services, are properly considered.

(c) When consolidated Service guidance cannot be obtained, the problem shall be presented promptly to Director, DASA, for review and transmission to appropriate agencies for resolution.

(2) Conduct Phase 2 Feasibility Studies in conjunction with the Services, to include providing the Chairman of the Joint Feasibility Study Group.

(3) Act for the DASA as a principal on Joint Working Groups and Joint Warhead Coordinating Committees established to coordinate the development effort on nuclear weapons approved for Phase 3 Development.

(4) Prepare, coordinate with designated Service development agencies, and forward to the Director, DASA, desired military characteristics for AEC developed weapons.

(5) Advise the Director, DASA, of the research status within the AEC of new concepts and proposals, and of the development status of all established programs.

(6) Provide technical advice and assistance, as may be requested by the field agencies of the AEC and the Services.

(7) Review proposed AEC designs of nuclear weapons, in conjunction with the Services, to insure compliance with the military characteristics. Determine the acceptability of proposed AEC designs of nuclear weapons, and inform the AEC and the Services that the designs are or are not acceptable to the DOD. A report of each weapons, with appropriate recommendations will be submitted to Director, DASA.

b. Weapons Systems Safety Evaluations:

(1) In participating in Service Weapons Systems Safety Evaluations, FC, DASA, will:

(a) appoint senior officers of broad operational and technical experience to Service study groups, subcommittees and evaluation units,

(b) review the Safety Study Reports made by these groups and submit specific comments to Director, DASA,

(c) report to Director, DASA, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations resulting from Service evaluations, and

(d) provide independent conclusions and recommendations, when appropriate, beyond the scope of Service conducted safety evaluations.

(2) Without regard for specific actions of Service study groups, committees, and units, provide Director, DASA, with timely information, conclusions, and recommendations in the area of weapon system safety.

(3) Provide technical safety evaluation support to DASA Weapons Test Division (Sanita) for those nuclear weapons systems used in operational systems tests.

c. Logistical services - in providing logistical services to the Services, the Commander, FC, DASA, is responsible for performing the following functions:

Supply - conducting the following activities in connection with supply of nuclear weapons and associated equipment;

(1) For AEC produced material consolidates DOD requirements for, and procures and distributes, training weapons, operational suitability test weapons, war reserve and training retrofit material, base and military spares, and related test and handling equipment.

(2) Performs supply management functions related to nuclear weapons material, including AEC designed and produced training weapons, operational suitability test weapons, test and handling equipment, base spares, military spares, and retrofit material. Functions as control point for Service designed and produced nuclear weapons material required by DASA activities.

(3) Participates in the DOD Federal Cataloging and Standardization programs. Serves as the Atomic Ordnance Cataloging Office and reviews and approves nuclear weapons cataloging data for Defense Logistics Services Center, Defense Supply Agency. As a standardization assignee, manages and controls the standardization of nuclear ordnance.

(4) Provides budgetary services for procurement of nuclear ordnance.

(5) Develops and publishes, for use by DASA, supply catalogs for nuclear training weapons, related major components, military and base spares, and test and handling equipment, which are designed and/or controlled by AEC or developed by the Services, including stock lists, allowance lists, equipment lists, and shipping guides.

(6) Consolidates and states to the cognizant Services DASA requirements for nuclear ordnance items designed and produced by the Services.

(7) Prepare and submit to Director, DASA, for review and coordination with the Military Departments and interested agencies, environmental and construction criteria in accordance with DASA policies and procedures, to insure that facilities are adequate for safety, security assembly, handling, storage, and surveillance of atomic weapons material. Publish such criteria after approval by Director, DASA.

(8) Perform other logistical services as directed by the Director, DASA.

(9) Maintains secondary reference standards laboratory and performs calibration duties for DASA and, as required the Services.

d. Security -

(1) Implement and supervise the standards and procedures for:

(a) Safeguarding classified information.

(b) Personnel and industrial security to include suitability, clearances and access.

(c) Physical security and visitor control.

(d) Classification and declassification management.

(e) En route security for nuclear weapon(s) and/or training material, in accordance with existing agreements with AEC and the Military Services.

(2) Conduct security inspections of service, unified, Defense Agency or Treaty Organization facilities as directed.

(3) Provide:

(a) Administrative and logistical support to the 901st Intelligence Corps Detachment and exercise staff supervision as directed.

(b) Security support as set forth in paragraphs (a) thru (d) above, for Headquarters DASA Weapons Test Division (Sandia) as requested.

e. Comptroller Functions:

Prepare and submit to the Director, DASA, for review and inclusion in over-all DASA estimates, recommended budgets for FC operating expenses, procurement of capital assets, and costs of the programs specified in this mission, plus costs of such other programs as may be directed from time to time by the Director, DASA. Within the framework of DASA policy, account for funds and property assigned to FC operations. Provide finance and accounting services to Headquarters DASA Weapons Test Division (Sandia) to include allotment accounting for funds provided Weapons Test Division (Sandia). Maintain an internal review and audit program adequate to safeguard assets, check reliability and accuracy of accounting, and provide a basis for promoting efficiency and economy in the business management of assets of the FC. In addition

FC will conduct audit of non-appropriated funds and of property accounts maintained by Chief, Weapons Test Division (Sandia). Reports of such audits will be submitted to Chief, Weapons Test Division (Sandia) with copy to the Director, DASA.

f. Publications:

(1) Manage a coordinated nuclear weapons technical and logistical information program to include joint nuclear weapons publications prepared by DASA, military departments, and agencies of government.

(2) Review Service nuclear weapons technical publications, as requested.

(3) Prepare nuclear weapons technical publications, as required.

5. In exercising administrative control over Headquarters DASA Weapons Test Division (Sandia), the Commander, Field Command, will:

a. Exercise authority in respect to administrative matters such as personnel support (including pay of civilian employees, appointments, separations, and position changes in accordance with manpower authorization documents), and other matters not included in the operational mission of the Weapons Test Division, except as otherwise indicated in subparagraph e, below.

b. Exercise authority in purely military matters such as legal services and courts martial jurisdiction.

c. Provide security and classification support, supply services, base support and all services and facilities on the same basis as for assigned personnel.

d. Provide medical personnel at Nevada Test Site as required.

e. For this purpose only, administrative control shall include all matters associated with command except the following which will be the responsibility of Headquarters, DASA.

(1) Assignments, reassignments, reporting and evaluation of military personnel.

(2) Appointments, promotions, demotions, reassignments, transfers and separations of civilian scientists, and evaluation of scientific positions.

(3) Awards under the Civilian Employees' Incentive Awards Program, and quality increases for civilian employees.

(4) Administration of manpower authorizations.

(5) Approval of travel orders.

(6) Supervision of the Weapons Test Division (Sandia) operational mission as specified in their mission statement or later assigned.

6. In operating a Nuclear Weapons School, and in providing training services, Commander, FC, DASA, will:

a. Operate a Nuclear Weapons School to meet the stated requirements of all DOD components and other cognizant agencies as follows;

(1) provide orientation and familiarization courses that will develop a general understanding of the over-all national nuclear weapons program,

(2) provide technical courses for commissioned/warrant officers that will enable graduates to supervise assembly or maintenance operations, or to fill command or staff billets,

(3) provide assembly, maintenance, and repair courses for enlisted personnel that will permit graduates to perform duties in a specified occupational area,

(4) provide training necessary to integrate technically trained personnel into efficient functional actions, and

(5) provide and conduct other training as directed by the Director, DASA.

b. Assist the Services in their conduct of nuclear weapons training by providing instructional materiel, recommendations as to course content, and further assistance as may be required or is desirable.

c. Assist in the preparation and presentation of appropriate symposiums, discussions, and briefings related to nuclear weapons, as directed by Director, DASA.

7. In observing AEC quality assurance programs, Field Command will:

a. Maintain liaison with AEC quality assurance activities as the means to provide a basis for DOD evaluation of the AEC quality assurance programs.

b. Inform the Director, DASA, of any major quality assurance problems as they arise.

c. As directed, periodically submit reports on Quality Assurance Liaison Detachment (QALD) activities and accomplishments.

d. Continually review the quality assurance program and make recommendations to Director, DASA, on any aspect of the program which may affect the quality of nuclear weapons stockpile.

8. In addition to the above, the Commander, FC, DASA, will:

a. Conduct a pre-production evaluation of technical procedures for assembly, disassembly, and storage inspection; test and handling equipment; and personnel requirements for nuclear weapons developed by the AEC and participate in Service pre-production evaluations.

b. Furnish recommendations to Director, DASA, concerning composition of DASA and Service nuclear weapons assembly organizations.

c. Furnish additional technical assistance and liaison to the Services and other governmental agencies, as directed by Director, DASA.

d. Provide facilities for storage and loan of technical still and motion picture photography, and DASA produced orientation and training films.

#### SECTION V

#### POLICIES

In discharging the responsibilities set forth above, the Commander, FC, DASA, will be governed by the following policies:

a. Actions or correspondence which require coordination with the Military Departments or the Military Services within those departments, Director of Military Application/AEC, Unified or Specified Commanders, or the JCS will normally be routed through Director, DASA. Where necessary and appropriate, contact between Service development agencies and AEC laboratories and facilities will not be precluded.

b. Existing organizational structures will not be duplicated, nor will additional activities be established when the mission of the Commander, FC, DASA, can be accomplished by available means.

c. A continuing review will be made to insure that the foregoing mission is accomplished with the minimum number of personnel and that maximum utilization of personnel and resources is effected.

d. Military personnel will be administered in accordance with the directives of the individual Services, as amplified by the Director, DASA. Civilian personnel will be administered in accordance with instructions of the Director, DASA.

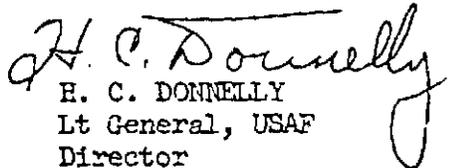
e. Insofar as practicable, the administration of the Headquarters, FC, DASA, will be in accordance with procedures as prescribed by Army directives. Required major divergence from such procedures will be referred to Director, DASA, for approval.

f. Service representation on the Headquarters, FC, staff shall be reasonably balanced as to numbers, experience, influence of position, and rank.

#### SECTION VI

#### CANCELLATION

Mission and Responsibilities Commander, Field Command, Defense Atomic Support Agency, 23 March 1961, is hereby cancelled.

  
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