



ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL

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Dear Mr. Fleming:

In reference to your letter of 8 July 1960 regarding information for the Federal Radiation Council on the extent to which its recommendations on "Radiation Protection Guidance for Federal Agencies" are being implemented, I am pleased to report that a triservice working group has been established with Captain Paul F. Dickens, Jr., MC, USN (Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Department of the Navy, Code 11, Extension 63078), acting as coordinator for the group.

The group has stated in correspondence to this office that the "Radiation Protection Guides" of the Federal Radiation Council and the policies of the Armed Forces with respect to radiation protection are entirely compatible. To date, the only major difference between existing Armed Forces directives and the "Radiation Protection Guidance for Federal Agencies" is a matter of terminology. Any subsequent deviation from the Guides will be considered most carefully by that group prior to implementation, as has been done in the past, in the light of overriding considerations of national defense.

Subsequent reports from the triservice working group will be forwarded to you via this office.

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten signature]
Frank B. Berry, M.D.

Honorable Arthur S. Fleming
Chairman
Federal Radiation Council

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Chief, D131

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D. C.



REF ID: A7533

SUBJECT: Radiation Protection Guidance for Federal Agencies

TO: Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health and Medical)

In response to your memorandum of 13 July 1960, subject as above, the following information is submitted:

- a. The Armed Forces have had regulations on radiation protection since inception of the atomic energy program. In the development of these regulations the Armed Forces have utilized the best available advice, especially that of the National Committee on Radiological Protection and Measurements, and upon the passage of the various Atomic Energy Acts have complied with regulations as set forth in Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations.
- b. In accordance with your memorandum of 8 June 1960, subject as above, a working group has been established to consider existing departmental regulations and to explore the feasibility of developing tri-service regulations. To date it appears that the only major difference between existing directives and the Radiation Protection Guidance for Federal Agencies is a matter of terminology.
- c. The policies of the Armed Forces with respect to radiation protection are entirely compatible with those of the Federal Radiation Council, and operational guidance is consistent with Federal Radiation Council "Radiation Protection Guides." Any deviation from the "Radiation Protection Guides" will be most carefully considered prior to implementation, as has been done in the past, in the light of overriding considerations of National Defense.
- d. Future changes in directives which are considered significant can be furnished to your office for assistance in preparation of reports referred to in letter of 8 July 1960 from the Chairman, Federal Radiation Council.

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OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (Health and Medical)

SUBJECT: Radiation Protection Guidance for Federal Agencies

Pursuant to the request made in your memorandum of 13 July 1960, the following statement is furnished to assist in preparing a reply to the Chairman of the Federal Radiation Council. This statement has been coordinated with the Navy and Air Force through the working group established in response to your memorandum of 8 July.

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The Surgeon General

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The Surgeon General

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