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DNA INSTRUCTION 5010.28A

SUBJ: Enewetak Records Center

1. Purpose. This instruction reassigns responsibility for the Enewetak Cleanup Records from Field Command, Defense Nuclear Agency (FCDNA) to Headquarters, Defense Nuclear Agency (HQ, DNA) Radiation Policy Division (RARP), and prescribes policies and actions to ensure the long-term retention and ready access of all records pertaining to the Radiological Cleanup of Enewetak Atoll.
2. Cancellation. This instruction supersedes DNA Instruction 5010.28 of 19 August 1980.
3. Applicability. The provisions of this instruction apply to HQ, DNA; and to FCDNA for the necessary transition actions.
4. Background. During 1972-77 the U.S. planned the radiological cleanup and rehabilitation of Enewetak Atoll, and during 1977-80 the operation was carried out. DNA was the DoD project manager for this work, which cost about \$100 million and required an on-atoll task force of about a thousand personnel for three years.
5. Historical Significance. The entire matter has been, and will continue to be, of great national and international importance. Questions requiring detailed answers will arise for years, possibly for a generation or two. Certainly there will be issues (litigation over claimed radiation injury; Congressional hearings on radsafe procedures; Veterans Administration claims for benefits and compensation; etc.) arising over the lifetime of the cleanup participants, and possibly over the lifetime of their offspring. Marshallese issues have surfaced over the same time period.
6. Policy. It must remain the policy of DNA to maintain, over the decades to come, a rapid response capability for all queries on the Enewetak Radiological Cleanup, no matter how detailed. Accordingly, this Instruction establishes the continuing policy that:
 - a. No Enewetak records of any type will be destroyed, disposed of, or transferred to inactive archive, or storage status. This instruction establishes continuing authority to exempt all Enewetak records from standard DoD records disposal policies.
 - b. All Enewetak records will be maintained continuously in an active, ready-reference status ("Enewetak Records Center") by HQ, DNA, Radiation Policy Division (RARP).

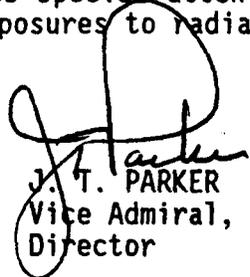
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c. To ensure that the contents of these files continue to be understood in depth, (Chief, RARP) is hereby designated "Enewetak Records Custodian" and will maintain a continuing capability for ready access in response to requests for Enewetak records as part of the Nuclear Test Personnel Review Program mission.

7. Definitions. The term "records" applies to all material pertinent to the Enewetak Radiological Cleanup. Such material includes - but is not limited to - Correspondence, concept plans, operation orders, computer programs, photographs, television tapes, motion picture films, slides, visual transparencies, tape recordings, worksheets, rough penciled logs and reports, messages, etc.

8. Responsibilities. Chief, RARP is responsible for establishing an "Enewetak Records Center", and for collecting, cataloging, storing, maintaining and safeguarding all records of the Enewetak Radiological Cleanup in accordance with the policy set forth in paragraph 4. above. This responsibility extends to documents produced by agencies outside the Department of Defense. The personnel data base merits special attention, as it contains specific information about individual exposures to radiation.



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