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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Surgeon General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, DC
ATTN: MEDCE-OH (Major Carlos E. Newton, MSC)

SUBJECT: AEC-SGO-AEHL Joint Activities and Responsibilities

Pursuant to the verbal request of Major Newton on 1 November for background information concerning the relationship between AEHL, SGO and AEC with respect to the control program where radioisotopes are used in the Army, the following information is furnished:

a. Initially requests for procurement of radioisotopes were approved for the Surgeon General by the Special Projects Branch of the Research and Development Division, SGO. This laboratory acted as technical advisor to that branch, reviewing plans for proposed radioisotope laboratories, advising on waste disposal problems and surveying radioisotope handling facilities. A gradual transition took place as it became apparent that the two functions, investigation and approval, could be more economically and efficiently performed by one office. Since this laboratory was doing the investigations an agreement was reached between the Special Projects Branch and AEHL that the latter agency would assume the approving function also.

b. In February 1953 an AEC-SGO conference was held at the Preventive Medicine Division, SGO, (Colonel Moseley's office) to see how the two organizations (AEC-SGO) could coordinate their respective activities. It was agreed that certain Army installations would be authorized by SGO to procure radioisotopes under certain conditions without submitting specific SGO approval with every requisition. All other Army installations requisitioning radioisotopes would be required to have specific approval of the Surgeon General for each requisition. It was also agreed that AEHL would approve radioisotope requisitions for nonmedical use only. To assure a standardization of health physics requirements and to promote closer liaison between the Isotopes Division, AEC, and SGO, it was agreed that initial joint AEHL-AEC visits to Army installations would be made, and that after these initial joint visits, when either organization inspected an Army installation using radioisotopes, the other organization would be informed of the results of the inspection so that duplication of effort would be avoided.

c. The inclosed copies of correspondence are evidence of the type of liaison which exists between AEC, SGO, and AEHL in this matter.

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- 1. Ltr, 21 Mar 53, AEC to SGO
- 2. Ltr, 6 May 53, AEC to SGO

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Oak Ridge, Tennessee
March 21, 1953

Department of the Army
Office of the Surgeon General
Washington 25, D. C.

Attn: Col. Maxwell Dauer, Medical Research and Development Board

Reference: MEDDH-SP 441 (Radioisotopes)

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of March 11 concerning the use of radioisotopes in Army installations. We were interested to learn of the approval given to five such Army installations listed in your letter.

At the present time we are particularly interested in clarifying the manner in which Army installations using radioisotopes should comply with Special Regulation SR-52-10-10. We would appreciate learning what evidence of endorsement by the Surgeon General's Office should accompany each application.

Since we are anxious to cooperate with the Surgeon General's Office, we request your confirmation of the fact that those Army installations approved for radioisotope work by the Army Environmental Health Laboratory are not required to obtain such an endorsement for each application.

Our Advisory Field Service Branch periodically visits Army installations using radioisotopes. It might be mutually profitable to arrange for some cooperative visits with personnel of the Army Environmental Health Laboratory. Your comments in this connection would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

/s/ & /t/ Charles E. Crompton, Chief
Radioisotopes Branch
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UNITED STATES
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Oak Ridge, Tennessee
May 6, 1953

Maxwell Dauer, Lt. Col., MSC
Medical Research and Development Board
Office of the Surgeon General
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Reference: MEIDH-SP 441 (Radioisotopes)

Subject: SR-52-10-10

Dear Col. Dauer:

Your letter of April 28 was particularly helpful in clarifying the manner in which Army installations should comply with SR-52-10-10. Copies of your letter have been routed to various members of our staff as a matter of information.

Our Advisory Field Service Branch shall, in the future, communicate with the Environmental Health Laboratory in an effort to arrange for joint visits to new army installations desiring to use radioisotopes. Where circumstances are such that a joint visit cannot be arranged within a reasonable period of time because of prior Advisory Field Service Branch commitments, it would seem appropriate that the Environmental Health Laboratory visit and endorse the new installation to preclude an undue delay in the start of such programs.

Thank you for your assistance in this connection and we shall look forward to closer cooperation between our respective groups.

Very truly yours,

/s/ & /t/ Charles E. Crompton, Chief
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Isotopes Division

cc: Army Environmental Health Laboratory

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