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# Turning Point: Establishing an Independent Safety Organization within Sandia National Laboratories

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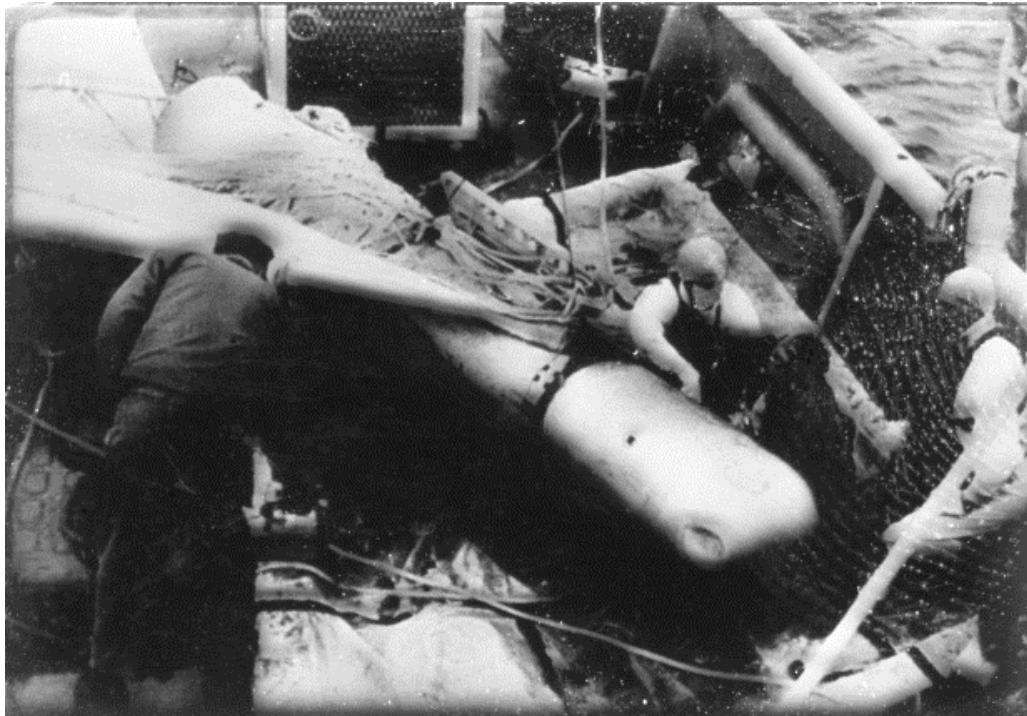
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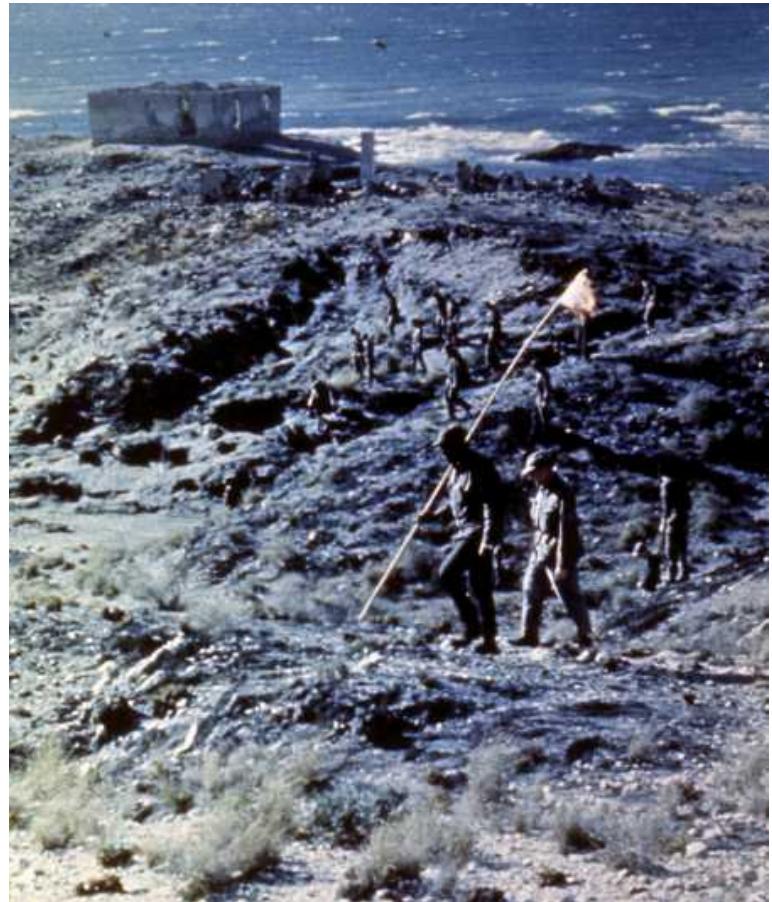
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# Accidents



Palomares, 1966



# Standards (Walske Criteria)

- Carl Walske, MLC, to BG Edward B. Giller, AEC/DMA, “Standards for Warhead and Bomb Premature Probability MC Paragraphs,” 14 March 1968
  - Bomb MCs
    - a. The probability of a premature nuclear detonation of a bomb due to bomb component malfunctions, in the absence of any input signals except for specified signals (e.g. monitoring and control), shall not exceed:
      - 1) Prior to receipt of the pre-arm signal, for normal\* storage and operational environments described in the STS, 1 in  $10^9$  per bomb lifetime.
      - 2) Prior to receipt of the pre-arm signal, for the abnormal\*\* environments described in the STS, 1 in  $10^6$  per bomb exposure or accident.
    - b. The probability of a premature nuclear detonation of a bomb due to bomb component malfunctions, after the receipt of the pre-arm signal, which will endanger the deliver aircraft shall not exceed 1 in  $10^3$ . (Other detailed criteria for this operational environment depend upon the specific bomb and its method of employment and therefore must be evaluated for the military characteristics for that particular weapon.)

# Definitions

- \*Normal environments are those expected logistical and operational environments, as defined in the weapon's stockpile-to-target sequence and military characteristics in which the weapon is required to survive without degradation in operational reliability.
- \*\*Abnormal environments are those environments as defined in the weapon's stockpile-to-target sequence and military characteristics in which the weapon is not expected to retain full operational reliability.

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