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Notes: Changes in Rad Waste Disposal Protocol

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MEMORANDUM

From: Commanding Officer and Director
To: Commander, E. B. Hayden, USN (COM12)
Commander P. Kelsey, USN (COMWESTSEAFRON)
Subj: Sea Disposal of Radioactive Waste

1. Following a recent telephone conversation between Capt. Jewett, Cdr. Hayden and myself, I sent Mr. A. L. Baietti of NRDL to a meeting at Sacramento on the subject. I enclose a copy of his report on the meeting for your information.
2. During my trip to Washington this past week, I confirmed my suspicions that the AEC has not granted MSTs any license to dispose of radioactive waste. Moreover, the granting of such a license appears somewhat in doubt. To make matters more confusing (if possible), the Army is making a strong play to take over the job and the Navy is not demurring too much.
3. I think that we would do well to keep our level of knowledge on this subject fully equalized. Mr. Baietti will do so from this point.

J. H. McQUILKIN
Captain, USN

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(1) Cy of Memo 730-31 ALB:bjp
CF2.9 from Code 730 to Code
100 (USNRDL) of 21 Oct 1959

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From: Chief, Bureau of Ordnance

To: Chief Chemical Officer
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Subj: DOD Assignment for Responsibility for Radiological Waste
Disposal

Ref: (a) OCCO ltr CMLWA-S of 20 May 1959

1. In response to the request of reference (a), the enclosure thereto has been reviewed. The Bureau of Ordnance has no objection to the proposed Army control of radioactive waste disposal, however, there are certain factors which should be considered to provide for the most efficient operation. These factors are enumerated as follows, and are based on the assumption that radioactive weapon material and other classified radioactive materials are excluded since adequate instructions exist for disposal of this material.

a. The disposal of industrial radioactive waste is not primarily a military function and possibly could be better handled commercially under control of the Atomic Energy Commission. The reason for the Navy initially conducting disposal operations was essentially to cooperate with the AEC since satisfactory commercial facilities were not available. It is understood that the AEC has now licensed a number of commercial concerns to perform disposal operations.

b. It would be undesirable to require Navy or other activities to ship waste to a central collection point if shipping directly to an outloading facility would be more expedient.

c. If it is intended to use Naval coastal activities as outloading facilities for sea disposal, it will be necessary to make prior arrangements with the Bureau of Ordnance for their use. Such arrangements are necessary for budgetary and manpower planning.

d. The Navy will continue to have a requirement for sea disposal of unwanted ammunition. It is therefore desirable, from the Navy point of view to have the proposed procedure permissive rather than mandatory insofar as actual disposal is concerned so that Navy generated waste could be disposed of from Navy activities if this were least expensive and most expedient.

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2. Based on the above considerations the Bureau of Ordnance has no objection to the designation of the Chemical Corps as a central control agency for disposal of radioactive waste generated within the Department of Defense. (It is the opinion of this Bureau, however, that recommending discontinuance of commercial contracts for waste disposal as proposed on page 10, paragraph 5c. of the enclosure to reference (a) is contrary to federal, Department of Defense and Navy policy). Such control would include the promulgation of uniform instructions for packaging, local storage, shipping and disposal and the coordination of disposal operations but would not preclude the use of Naval facilities for disposal of Navy generated radioactive waste.

3. The above comments represent Bureau of Ordnance opinion. The concurrence and approval of the Chief of Naval Operations is required prior to final Navy acceptance of the proposed directive.

F. Z. HOUGH
By direction

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From: Commanding Officer and Director
To: Commanding Officer, U. S. Fleet Training Center,
Naval Station, San Diego 34, California

Subj: Radioactive Waste Disposal; comments concerning

Ref: (a) BuOrd ltr L8-5/NT/1 of 23 Jun 1958
(b) BuMed ltr BUMED-74:GCB:owt 6480/1 Ser 5187 of
10 Aug 1959

Encl: (1) Coastwise Marine Disposal Price List

1. Reference (a) states that the Commander, Military Sea Transportation Service (MSTS) will assume responsibility within the Department of the Navy for disposal of radioactive waste material at sea as of 1 July 1959.

2. Reference (b) advised the Fleet Training Center, San Diego, to make arrangements with this Laboratory to accept and dispose of their radioactive waste.

3. This Laboratory discontinued disposing of radioactive waste material for the Navy and other DOD agencies as of 1 July 1959. As of 22 July 1959, MSTS had not been granted a license to accept radioactive waste for disposal and until such license is issued MSTS is not authorized to perform disposal from CONUS areas.

4. There are three commercial companies holding valid disposal licenses in the State of California. The companies are listed below for your information and possible use in contracting for the disposal of any radioactive waste that you may have in the future.

Nuclear Engineering Company, Inc., Walnut Creek
Isotopes Specialties Company, Burbank
Coastwise Marine Disposal Company, PO Box 43556,
Hyde Park Station, Los Angeles 43

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