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To: Commanding Officer, US Naval Supply Depot, FPO San Francisco 96630-1500

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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5100.8F
(b) NAVSEADET RASO 8128/3252.26A Ser 22/892 of 17 Dec 85
(c) NAVSEADET RASO YORKTOWN VA 021530Z APR 86
(d) NAVFACINST 5100.15
(e) NAVSUPINST 4000.34B
(f) NAVMED P-5055

1. Per references (a), (b), and (c), Mr. Henry E. Roush, Jr. of RASO conducted a technical assistance visit to Naval Supply Depot, Guam on 1-2 May 1986. The purpose of the visit was to assess radiation safety procedures relative to items containing radioactive material. Major discrepancies were found.

a. A formal radiation safety program, per paragraph I.D.3 of reference (d), had not been promulgated, and no Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) was appointed or properly trained.

b. There were no local instructions for the special handling, storage, and life cycle controls of radioactive commodities as delineated in reference (e).

c. Low level radioactive materials (electron tubes, tritium water standards) were found stored among conventional materials in the one warehouse inspected. Access to only one location was granted due to non-availability of cognizant persons. The findings in the one warehouse indicate that others may be similarly arranged. Reference (e) requires identification, isolation, and strict control of all radioactive materials.

d. All personnel handling radioactive material may need to be given radiation physical examinations per Chapter 2, reference (f). Those personnel may need to be monitored with appropriate dosimetry per Chapter 6 of the same reference. Applicability of these requirements rests with the facility and depends upon the types and amounts of radioactive material routinely handled and stored. Damage to items containing radioactive materials may inadvertently result in low-level radioactive contamination and low-level radiation exposure to nearby personnel. No excessive exposure is expected from the low radioactivity levels of the material identified during the visit.

RECOMMENDATION: Determine the types and amounts of radioactive materials handled and implement applicable portions of references (d), (e), and (f).

2. The following personnel were briefed during the technical assistance visit: CDR M. Miller, Executive Officer; LCDR J. Wagner, Head, Inventory Control Branch; Mr. J. Toppasna, Inventory Control Branch; and Mr. I. Aflague, Storage Division.



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3. It is requested that RASO be notified within 30 days of the receipt of this letter of actions taken or planned. Further assistance concerning radiological matters may be obtained from RASO at AUTOVON 953-4692, or Commercial (804) 887-4692.

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