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GUIDANCE FOR DOD PARTICIPATION IN THE
CLEANUP OF BIKINI ATOLL

1. The DOD and AEC will jointly undertake the cleanup of Bikini Atoll. Cleanup is limited to the removal of vegetative overgrowth, debris, and structures or materials residual from the use of the Atoll for atomic testing, which could pose radiation or accident hazards to the population or interfere with their reasonable use of the land.
2. The total estimated cost of the clearance operation is about \$1.3 million of which \$600 thousand will be available for obligation in FY 1969. The AEC and DOD will jointly fund the FY 1969 costs on an equal-share basis to a ceiling of \$300 thousand for each party.
3. AEC FY 1969 funds will not be available for expenditure after 30 June 1969.
4. DOD FY 1969 funds will not be available for obligation after 30 June 1969; these funds will be made available to the AEC.
5. The AEC will be responsible for determining that radiological health and safety requirements for the scrap removal project at Bikini Atoll are met at the completion of the project. These requirements, as developed in program plans, will be subject to AEC approval prior to the beginning of field operations. AEC will follow the progress made and keep interested agencies informed.
6. The Director, Defense Atomic Support Agency (DASA), as Project Manager for the clearing operation described above, will act for both the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and the Secretary of Defense in accomplishing this project. FY 1969 funds for this purpose, as noted above, will be made available to DASA by the AEC.
7. It is recognized that use of certain equipment or other assets available to the AEC and DOD may be in the overall best interest of the U.S. Government. When available and if mutually agreed between the providing party and the Project Manager, the equipments or other assets will - to the extent possible - be made available to the Project Manager.

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8. In the event a decision is made to resume nuclear testing, any personnel or other assets of DASA or subordinate commands needed for this purpose and involved in the Bikini cleanup project will be released immediately.

9. The Bikini cleanup will not be permitted to significantly interfere with the preparation and conduct of planned readiness-to-test exercises or with maintenance of the readiness-to-test posture.

10. A civilian contractor will be available through the AEC to provide engineering support for field operations, to provide labor for cleanup and camp support operations, and to provide for the accomplishment of such other tasks as may be arranged by the Project Manager. Existing contractual arrangements made by the AEC, modified as necessary, will be made available to DASA.

11. The handling and removal of contaminated scrap will be conducted such that radiological exposure of personnel will be within the standards for workers established by the Federal Radiation Council. Former Bikini islanders or any other native residents of the Pacific Trust Territory may not be employed in collecting and removing scrap material except in the Bikini-Eneu complex and are not to work with contaminated scrap wherever it may be found.

12. The maximum contractor work force on the atoll is estimated to be about 50 people, and the cleanup operation (less preparation and wrapup times) is expected to take about six months. It is expected that a maximum of about 30 military personnel will be involved on the atoll at any time.

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