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DOE, BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY
EUGENE CRONKITE, UPTON, NEW YORK

DOE, PACIFIC AREA SUPPORT OFFICE
ROGER RITTMASER, KWAJALEIN, MARSHALL ISLANDS

INFO: DOE, TROY E. WADE, DEPUTY MANAGER, NVOO, LAS VEGAS, NV

DOE, ROGER RAY, ASST. PACIFIC OPERATIONS, NVOO,
LAS VEGAS, NV

DOE, WILLIAM STANLEY, PACIFIC AREA SUPPORT OFFICE,
HONOLULU, HAWAII

UNCLASSIFIED/NONWD/NARR

FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE FOR DOE COVERAGE FOR THE REFERRAL TO
HONOLULU OR ELSEWHERE OF RONGELAP AND UTIRIK PATIENTS PRESENTING
WITH A NON-RADIATION RELATED ILLNESS OR DISEASE.

1. REFERRAL TO THE HOSPITAL AT MAJURO AND THE HEALTH SERVICES OF
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS SHOULD BE A ROUTINE
PREREQUISITE FOR ANY REFERRAL ELSEWHERE.
2. ONLY IF THE RESIDENT BNL PHYSICIAN IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
AND THE APPROPRIATE PHYSICIAN (M.D.) AT THE MAJURO HOSPITAL AGREE

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

THAT THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE PATIENT IS OF AN IMMEDIATE LIFE-THREATENING NATURE AND THAT THE RESOURCES IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS ARE INADEQUATE TO CARE FOR THE PATIENT IS REFERRAL OF THE PATIENT TO HONOLULU OR ELSEWHERE TO BE CONSIDERED.

3. IF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF (2) ABOVE PREVAIL, THE RESIDENT BNL PHYSICIAN SHOULD INFORM AND CONSULT WITH THE PHYSICIAN PROGRAM MANAGER AT BNL. REFERRAL TO HONOLULU IS AUTHORIZED IF THERE IS AGREEMENT OF THE THREE PHYSICIANS.

4. THE PHYSICIAN PROGRAM MANAGER AT BNL SHOULD CONSULT WITH EV/OHER PROGRAM PHYSICIANS IN THE EVENT OF ANY UNCERTAINTY.

5. THE ABOVE ADDRESSES ROUTINE PROCEDURES AND CANNOT COVER ALL CONTINGENCIES. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT EMERGENCIES OR SITUATIONS MAY ARISE IN WHICH THE MEDICAL JUDGEMENT OF THE BNL OR DOE PHYSICIAN PRESENT IS THE DETERMINING FACTOR.

6. ALL ELECTIVE SURGERY OR DISEASES OF A LESS THAN IMMEDIATE LIFE-THREATENING NATURE SHOULD BE DEFERRED.

IT MUST BE REALIZED THAT DOE IS NEITHER AUTHORIZED NOR FUNDED TO PROVIDE FOR GENERAL HEALTH CARE AND TREATMENT IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, AND THAT, WHILE AGREEING TO COVER MEDICAL NEEDS OF AN IMMEDIATE LIFE-THREATENING NATURE, THIS IS AN INTERIM AND TEMPORARY HUMANITARIAN MEASURE FOR WHICH A LIMITED FINANCIAL

COMMITMENT HAS BEEN MADE; THIS IS NOT AND MUST NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. THE FUNDS IDENTIFIED FOR THESE CASES OF NECESSITY DURING THE REMAINDER OF THIS FISCAL YEAR CONSEQUENTLY HAVE AN UPPER LIMIT OF \$150K; IT IS EXPECTED THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO KEEP EXPENDITURES BELOW THIS TOTAL, AND IT SHOULD BE REALIZED THAT REFERRALS SHOULD BE PRIORITIZED WITH AWARENESS OF FISCAL CONSTRAINTS.

