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AEC ANNOUNCES NEW SERIES OF TESTS
TO BE CONDUCTED AT NEVADA

The U. S. Atomic Energy Commission will resume tests at its Nevada Proving Ground near Las Vegas, Nevada, next March. The Department of Defense, Federal Civil Defense Administration and other Federal agencies will participate.

The new series of tests is designed to advance development of new and improved nuclear devices and will provide additional weapons performance data essential to military and civil defense effects studies.

The Department of Defense has notified the Commission that 18,000 troops of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines will participate in troop maneuvers and training exercises during the 1953 Spring tests.

Many secondary projects will be included to obtain research and effects information of value to other programs in government and to the public.

Construction of test structures for the AEC, Department of Defense and Federal Civil Defense Administration was begun last Fall. Construction also includes new facilities for instrumentation work in the technical areas and additions to the permanent establishment at the Proving Ground. A large part of the program for the effects tests is classified.

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Operations at the Nevada Proving Ground are directed by Carroll L. Tyler, Manager of the AEC's Santa Fe Operations Office, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Test Organization for the 1953 Spring series includes Tyler as Test Manager; James E. Reeves, AEC, Albuquerque, Deputy Manager; Dr. Alvin C. Graves, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, Scientific Test Director and Deputy for Scientific Operations; Colonel Paul T. Preuss, USAF, Field Command, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, Albuquerque, Deputy for Military Operations; and S. R. Woodruff, Jr., AEC, Las Vegas, Deputy for Support Operations. The Director for Desert Rock V, the troop maneuvers and training program, will be announced later by the Department of Defense.

Dr. John C. Clark, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, will be Dr. Graves' deputy Scientific Director, and other scientific aides include: Dr. W. E. Ogle, Los Alamos, weapons development tests; Dr. E. D. Doll, Stanford Research Institute, Palo Alto, California, weapons effects tests; and Robert L. Corsbie, AEC, Washington, D.C., civil effects tests.

Other personnel for the Test Organization will be drawn from the AEC and its laboratories; from the Armed Services and their laboratories; from industrial and research organizations and from the Federal Civil Defense Administration.

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