

STATEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

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The Second Report of the United States Atomic Energy Commission to the Congress dated July 22, 1947, stated that the Commission "is establishing proving grounds in the Pacific for routine experiments and tests of atomic weapons." Certain additional factual information has since been made public. On December 1, the Commission announced that "construction has been started on Eniwetok Atoll for the Pacific Ocean installations announced last summer...All test operations will be under laboratory control conditions with full security restrictions as required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1946."

On December 22, 1947, the Commission announced the staffing and the organization of the proving ground, and on December 30, 1947, gave public notice that hazards would exist in a defined area around Eniwetok Atoll after January 31, 1948 and throughout the calendar year 1948.

An atomic weapon has now been detonated at the proving ground. For security reasons, the date of the test will not be announced. A classified report of the test results will be made to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy of the Congress. The test was conducted under full security restrictions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946 and pursuant to the provisions of that law the public issuance of any further information concerning the test is not presently permissible.

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