

Memorandum of Understanding
between
The Department of Health and Social Services
Department of Military Affairs
Department of Environmental Conservation
and the
Department of Labor
Concerning Emergency Response to Peace Time
Radiation Incidents and Accidents

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agreement is to delineate areas of responsibility, thereby clarifying individual agency's roles and to ensure cooperation and mutual assistance between responsible Departments in responding to radiation incidents and accidents. Proper implementation should ensure that each Department's statutory responsibilities are met.

AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY

A. Health and Social Services

Under AS 18.45 and AS 18.60, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services is responsible for radiation safety dealing with exposure to the general public. This responsibility covers all ionizing and non-ionizing sources of radiation in the State.

B. Military Affairs

Under AS 26.20 and AS 26.30, the Department of Military Affairs has responsibility for planning and coordinating response to radiation incidents which result from detonation of nuclear weapons.

C. Environmental Conservation

Under AS 46.03, the Department of Environmental Conservation has the responsibility for environmental radiation matters relating to the contamination of air, water, soil or subsurface soil of the State.

D. Department of Labor

The Department of Labor under AS 18.60 is responsible for occupational radiation exposure resulting from both ionizing and non-ionizing radiation sources.

E. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Alaska is not an agreement State under the Atomic Energy Act. Consequently, primary authority of the above State agencies is limited in the case of radioactive materials under the jurisdiction of the NRC. For the purposes of this agreement this distinction will not be made in responding to an accident or incident necessary to protect the health, property and environment of the people of Alaska until such time as the NRC can respond to the incident and assume control.

RESPONSIBILITY

It is Agreed:

- A. The Department of Health and Social Services has lead agency responsibility in responding to radiation incidents and accidents.
- B. It is the responsibility of the Department of Health and Social Services to coordinate response to peacetime radiation incidents and accidents.
- C. Each Department will provide personnel and funds to the extent possible to respond to radiation incidents and accidents.
- D. Each Department will support their respective employees in terms of salary, travel, per diem and overtime costs while responding to radiation emergencies.
- E. Individuals responding to radiation emergencies at the request of the Department of Health and Social Services will do so with the full authority of the Department of Health and Social Services when acting within the scope of instructions.
- F. Public information concerning a nuclear accident, incident or event will be released by the Department having jurisdiction.
- G. Each Department will serve as the contact with their federal counterpart regarding nuclear accidents and incidents i.e. DHSS-FDA & NRC; DMA-FEMA; DEC-EPA; DL-OSHA.

NOTIFICATION

Any agency being notified of a radiation emergency will notify the Department of Health and Social Services as the lead agency. In turn the Department of Health and Social Services will notify designated personnel in all other agencies which are party to this agreement when there exists or has the potential to exist a problem within their area of responsibility.

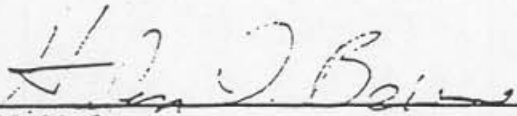
It is further agreed that an alternate contact for notification and coordination of response will be the Division of Emergency Services, Department of Military Affairs. In keeping with the above, the following notification will be made:

PRIMARY CONTACT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Radiological Physicist
(Day) 465-3019
(Night) 789-9858 or
789-3431

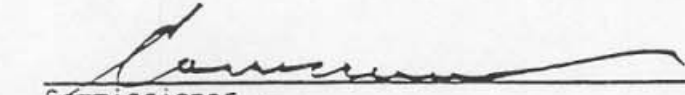
ALTERNATE CONTACT

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
Division of Emergency Services
24 Hour Contact 248-0055



Commissioner
Department of Health and Social Services

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Department of Military Affairs

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