## THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE



WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301-1200

## **ACTION MEMO**

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FOR: UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PERSONNEL AND READINESS)

FROM: William Winkenwerder, Jr., MD, ASD (Health Affairs)

SUBJECT: Exception to Policy for Anthrax Vaccination of Forwarded Deployed Naval Forces (FDNF) and III Marine Expeditionary Force (III MEF) in the Resumption of the Anthrax Vaccination Program (AVIP) under the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)

- I request you approve an exception to policy request for Forward Deployed Naval Forces (FDNF) and III Marine Expeditionary Force (III MEF) under the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for AVIP.
- Your April 29, 2005, implementation memo requires the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff (or designee) recommend for your approval additional personnel not authorized in that memo for inclusion in the AVIP under the EUA.
- The exception to policy request from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) (TAB B), with concurrence of the Director Joint Staff (TAB C), satisfies the requirements in the April 29, 2005, implementation memo.
- I agree that their rationale is sound and should be supported.

RECOMMENDATION: That the USD (P&R) sign the memo at TAB A.

COORDINATION: TAB D

Attachments: As stated

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## MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (M&RA)

SUBJECT: Exception to Policy for Anthrax Vaccination of Forwarded Deployed Naval Forces (FDNF) and III Marine Expeditionary Force (III MEF) in the Resumption of the Anthrax Vaccination Program (AVIP) under the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)

I approve your exception to policy request for vaccination with anthrax vaccine of FDNF and III MEF personnel according to the guidelines of my April 29, 2005, implementation memo.

I concur with your assessment that the rationale is sound and should be supported.