

6. *Prospective changes in program orientation*

Not answered.

7. *Coordination and cooperation*

(a) Milk- and food-sampling programs are conducted cooperatively with the milk and food program of the Division of Environmental Engineering and Food Protection. Technical aspects of all programs related to radiation in the environment are coordinated through an interlaboratory technical advisory committee. Medical and dental X-ray activities include services to and cooperation with the Division of Hospitals and Division of Indian Health.

(b) Milk and food collection and analyses programs are coordinated with the Food and Drug Administration.

(c) i. *Federal Radiation Council*.—The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare was designated chairman of the FRC when it was established in 1959. The Deputy Chief, Division of Radiological Health, is the Department's representative on the working group of the Council.

ii. *Atomic Energy Commission*.—A number of formal and informal coordination and cooperation points exist between the Department and the Service and the Atomic Energy Commission. Designated contact points exist in the Office of the Secretary, the Surgeon General's Office, and their counterparts in the Commission. The Division of Radiological Health has a variety of contacts as outlined below.

AEC Division of Biology and Medicine—Scheduled meetings of senior staff to exchange program information and provide for coordination on projects of mutual interest.

AEC Nevada Operations Office—Under a memorandum of agreement, provide off-site radiological safety support for testing activities at the Nevada Test Site and for events conducted at other locations. Also conducting a research effort related to radioiodine releases from testing activities at NTS. These activities are funded by AEC at a current level of about \$1.9 million with a personnel strength authorized at 188 officers and employees.

Less formal working level contacts exist with the following AEC divisions: Safety Standards; Materials Licensing; Reactor Licensing; State and Licensee Relations; Military Applications; Operational Safety; Production; Raw Materials; Peaceful Nuclear Explosives; Isotopes Development; Reactor Development and Technology; and Public Information.

iii. *Department of Defense*.—Joint Task Force Eight—A memorandum of agreement to conduct off-site radiological safety operations during Pacific test operations and to maintain a standby capability to conduct such operations in the event testing is resumed in the Pacific area. This work is done under reimbursement from JTF-8 and AEC.

Defense Atomic Support Agency—Maintain program planning liaison.

Department of the Air Force—Member of the Nuclear Reactor Systems Safety Group. Under memorandums of agreement, conduct off-site radiological safety activities during launches involving nuclear power sources from Cape Kennedy and Vandenberg Air Force Base. Have a liaison officer on detail to Eastern and National Test Ranges, Patrick Air Force Base, to plan and coordinate these activities.