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BUMED INSTRUCTION 1500.27

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery  
To: Ships and Stations Having Medical Department Personnel

Subj: RADIATION HEALTH TRAINING FOR DESIGNATED MEDICAL  
DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 6470.2A (NOTAL)  
(b) NAVMED P-5055, Radiation Health Protection Manual

1. Purpose. To prescribe procedures for Radiation Health Program training for designated Medical Department personnel other than undersea medical officers (Medical Corps Officer NOBC 0090) and radiation health officers (Medical Service Corps Officer NOBC 0845).

2. Cancellation. NAVMEDCOMINST 1500.5.

3. Background. Medical Department personnel, military and civilian, assigned to nuclear powered or nuclear weapons capable ships or selected maintenance facilities require knowledge of radiation health procedures to support radiological control programs described in reference (a). Radiation health procedures are described in reference (b). To support this requirement, a 2-week course of instruction in radiation health is conducted at the Naval Undersea Medical Institute (NAVUSEAMEDINSTITUTE), Groton, CT. This course is identified as the Radiation Health Indoctrination (RHI) course (B-5A-1050).

4. Policy. The RHI course shall be a prerequisite for assignment to the following:

a. Medical officer billets

(1) The senior medical officer on nuclear powered surface ships.

(2) At least one of the general medical officers assigned to tenders supporting nuclear powered ships.

(3) The medical officer at the medical treatment facility (MTF) supporting shipyards that perform maintenance and overhaul on nuclear powered ships or Naval nuclear power training sites.

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(4) Other medical officer billets designated by the MTF in consultation with the supported line command for shore activities.

b. Medical Service Corps officer billets designated by type commanders for operating forces and by the MTF in consultation with the supported line command for shore activities.

c. Other Medical Department personnel, such as Hospital Corpsmen or civilian nurses, designated by the MTF in consultation with the supported line command for shore activities.

5. Action

a. MTF commanders and commanding officers shall review Radiation Health Program training requirements in consultation with supported line commands. Training requirements, not within the capability of the MTFs, shall be identified and appropriate training arranged.

b. MTFs shall:

(1) Request course quotas as necessary from NAVUSEAMED-INSTITUTE in coordination with the MTF commanders and commanding officers.

(2) Provide the following information on prospective students to NAVUSEAMEDINSTITUTE:

(a) Name, grade, corps, and social security number.

(b) Date of birth.

(c) Command.

(d) Security clearance presently held, basis for the clearance, and date of clearance.

c. Personnel who have not previously completed the RHI course shall attend en route to billets noted in paragraph 4. Personnel occupying billets noted in paragraph 4 who have not been trained and are at least 1 year from projected rotation date shall attend the RHI course at the earliest possible date.

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d. The Officer in Charge, Naval Undersea Medical Institute, has quota control and shall coordinate course assignments. The correct address and contact information is noted below.

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Naval Undersea Medical Institute  
Box 159, U.S. Submarine Base  
Groton, CT 06349-5159

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