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SUBJECT: ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATIONS--RESUMPTION OF VACCINATIONS

A. COAST GUARD ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (CG AVIP),  
COMDTINST M6230.3A, DTD 23 SEP 02

B. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC (G-W)/R 241723Z DEC 03/ ALCOAST  
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C. MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER, JOHN DOE, ET AL V. DONALD RUMSFELD  
ET AL, CIVIL ACTION NO. 30-707 (EGS), DTD 22 DEC 03

1. THIS MESSAGE AUTHORIZES AND DIRECTS IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION OF  
ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS IAW REF A. REFERENCE B IS CANCELLED.

2. IN RESPONSE TO A 22 DEC 03 U.S. DISTRICT COURT RULING CONCERNING  
DODS ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (REF C), REFERENCE B WAS  
ISSUED DIRECTING A TEMPORARY HALT TO ALL ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS.

3. ON 30 DEC 03, THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) COMPLETED  
AND APPROVED THE FINAL RULE THAT STATES ANTHRAX VACCINE ADSORBED  
(AVA, BIOTHRAX) IS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE AGAINST ALL FORMS OF ANTHRAX,  
INCLUDING INHALATIONAL ANTHRAX. THE FINAL RULE WAS PUBLISHED IN  
THE FEDERAL REGISTER ON 5 JAN 04. ON 7 JAN 04, THE JUDGE GRANTED  
THE GOVERNMENTS MOTION FOR A STAY OF HIS 22 DEC 03 INJUNCTION.

4. THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE DIRECTED: IMMEDIATELY RESUME  
MANDATORY ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS FOR ELIGIBLE CG PERSONNEL IAW REF A  
FROM THE LAST DOCUMENTED VACCINATION GIVEN IN THE SERIES. DO NOT  
RESTART THE SERIES, NOR SKIP OR REPEAT ANY VACCINATION IN THE  
SERIES. CONTINUE VACCINATIONS UNTIL THE SIX-SHOT SERIES IS  
COMPLETE, FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL BOOSTERS. ENSURE ALL VACCINATIONS ARE  
ACCURATELY RECORDED IN THE MEDICAL RECORD AND THE MEDICAL READINESS  
SYSTEM DATABASE (MRS), INCLUDING ALL PREVIOUS DOSES NOT ALREADY  
RECORDED.

5. MY POINTS OF CONTACT FOR THE CG AVIP AT HQ ARE CAPT MARK TEDESCO  
AT 202-267-0528 AND CDR SHARON LUDWIG AT 202-267-1725, AT MLCA(K)  
IS CAPT DAVE CANTON AT 757-628-4333 AND AT MLCP(K) IS CAPT RICK  
CALDWELL AT 510-437-3442. INFORMATION ON THE AVIP MAY BE FOUND AT:  
[HTTP://WWW.ANTHRAX.OSD.MIL](http://www.ANTHRAX.OSD.MIL).

6. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

7. RADM KENNETH T. VENUTO, ASSISTANT COMMANDANT FOR HUMAN  
RESOURCES, SENDS.

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