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ALCOAST 382/05

COMDTNOTE 6230

SUBJ: EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) FOR ANTHRAX
VACCINATIONS

EXTENDED

A. 121233Z MAY 05/ALCOAST 254/05 EUA TO RESUME ANTHRAX
VACCINATIONS

B. FDA LETTER DATED 22 JULY 2005 AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF EUA

1. PER REF A, ONLY THOSE COAST GUARD UNITS IDENTIFIED OR NOTIFIED
BY OPERATIONAL AND CLINICAL MEDICINE DIVISION (CG-1121) ARE
AUTHORIZED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EUA FOR ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS.

2. PER REF B, THE FDA HAS APPROVED AN EXTENSION OF THE EUA FOR
ANTHRAX VACCINATION TO PREVENT INHALATION ANTHRAX UNTIL 14
JAN 06.

THEREFORE, THE CURRENT COAST GUARD POLICY FOR ANTHRAX
VACCINATIONS

IN REF A REMAINS IN EFFECT, EXCEPT THE EXPIRATION DATE IS
EXTENDED

TO 14 JANUARY 2006.

3. COMMANDERS AND COAST GUARD LEADERS AT UNITS AUTHORIZED TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

A. EDUCATING THEIR PERSONNEL BEFORE APPLICATION OF THE
ANTHRAX

VACCINATION. ALL INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR THE ANTHRAX
VACCINATION

UNDER THE EUA HAVE THE OPTION TO REFUSE THE ANTHRAX
VACCINATION

WITHOUT PENALTY.

B. DISTRIBUTING THE TRIFOLD BROCHURE DATED 5 APRIL 2005 TO THEIR
MEMBERS AND SUPPLEMENTING IT, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, WITH A
BRIEFING

USING STANDARD BRIEFING SLIDES AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY AT
WWW.ANTHRAX.MIL/EUA.

C. FULFILLING THE TRIFOLD AND OPTION-TO-REFUSE SPECIFICATIONS OF
THE EUA CONDITIONS.

4. ALL IMMUNIZATIONS MUST BE IMMEDIATELY RECORDED IN THE
MEDICAL

READINESS SYSTEM (MRS). DECLINATION OF THE ANTHRAX
VACCINATION

DURING THE EUA WILL BE ENTERED INTO MRS AS MD (MEMBER
DECLINED) IN

THE EXEMPTION OR EXCEPTION FIELD. IF MRS IS NOT AVAILABLE,
ANNOTATE
THE VACCINATION OR DECLINATION ON DD FORM 2766 (DEPLOYABLE
MEDICAL
RECORD) OR COMPARABLE DOCUMENT, THEN FOLLOW-UP AND
COMPLETE THE MRS
ENTRY AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

5. THE ANTHRAX VACCINATION PROGRAM REMAINS A COMMANDERS
FORCE
PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITY. COMMANDERS SHALL RESPECT THE
OPTION TO
REFUSE THE ANTHRAX VACCINATION DURING THE EUA.

6. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE EUA, VISIT THE CG-1121
WEBSITE: WWW.USCG.MIL/HQ/G-W/G-WK/WKH/AVIP/INDEX.HTM OR THE
MILITARY VACCINE AGENCY WEBSITE: WWW.VACCINES.MIL

7. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROGRAM SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE
CG-
1121 STAFF, CDR MONICA KUENY AT 202-267-2622 OR CAPT MARK TEDESCO
AT 202-267-0528.

8. INTERNET RELEASED AUTHORIZED.

9. RADM PAUL J. HIGGINS, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND SAFETY, SENDS.

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