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SUBJECT: ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATIONS--TEMPORARY STOP

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

B. MO AND O, JOHN DOE, ET AL V. DONALD RUMSFELD ET AL, CIVIL ACTION
NO. 30-707 (EGS), DTD 22 DEC 03

1. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, TEMPORARILY STOP
GIVING ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATIONS.

2. REFERENCE A ESTABLISHED POLICY AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES FOR A
MANDATORY ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM WITHIN THE COAST GUARD.
REFERENCE B IS THE MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER (MO AND O) FROM A
US DISTRICT COURT JUDGE WHICH ENJOINS THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
FROM INOCULATING SERVICE MEMBERS AGAINST ANTHRAX WITHOUT THEIR
INFORMED CONSENT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DOD ACTIONS, THE COAST GUARD
WILL TEMPORARILY STOP GIVING ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATIONS WHILE THE LEGAL
SITUATION IS CLARIFIED.

3. 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).

4. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

5. RADM R. J. PAPP, JR., ACTING ASSISTANT COMMANDANT FOR HUMAN
RESOURCES, SENDS.

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