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SUBJ/TEMPORARILY STOP GIVING ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATIONS TO ALL DOD  
/PERSONNEL//

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NARR/REF A DEPSECDEF MEMO ON REINTRODUCTION OF THE ANTHRAX VACCINE  
IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (AVIP). REF B CNO (N09) NAVADMIN ON RESUMPTION  
OF THE ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM. REF C IS USD (P&R)  
MEMO ON THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION  
PROGRAM.//

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RMKS/1. REFS A AND B PROVIDED AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION  
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GUIDANCE FOR RESUMPTION OF THE ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM  
BASED ON THREAT ANALYSIS AND AVAILABILITY OF A SAFE, FDA-APPROVED  
ANTHRAX VACCINE. SINCE 1998, DOD HAS SAFELY VACCINATED OVER ONE  
MILLION MILITARY, EMERGENCY-ESSENTIAL CIVILIANS, AND  
MISSION-ESSENTIAL CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE VITAL PROTECTION  
AGAINST ALL FORMS OF ANTHRAX DISEASE.

2. ON DECEMBER 22, 2003, A JUDGE FROM THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ORDERED A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AGAINST  
FURTHER ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS WITHOUT CONSENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL. THE  
JUDGE DID NOT RULE AGAINST THE SAFETY OF THE VACCINE, RATHER HE  
RULED AGAINST THE COMPLETENESS OF THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION'S  
(FDA) PROCESS TO APPROVE THE VACCINE FOR USE AGAINST INHALATION  
ANTHRAX.

3. IAW REF C THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS  
ARE DIRECTED IMMEDIATELY.

A. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, STOP GIVING ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS TO ALL  
MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, TO INCLUDE FAMILY MEMBERS. THIS  
APPLIES TO PERSONNEL NOT PREVIOUSLY VACCINATED AND PERSONNEL  
CURRENTLY UNDERGOING THE SIX SHOT BASIC SERIES AND ANNUAL BOOSTER.  
THIS APPLIES TO ALL PERSONNEL REGARDLESS OF THEIR CURRENT LOCATION.  
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FURTHER, DO NOT IMPLEMENT VOLUNTARY VACCINATIONS VIA INFORMED CONSENT  
PROCEDURES AT THIS TIME.

B. ENSURE ALL VACCINATIONS PREVIOUSLY ADMINISTERED ARE ACCURATELY  
RECORDED IN THE MEDICAL RECORD AND ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED TO THE  
DEFENSE ELIGIBILITY ENROLLMENT SYSTEM (DEERS) VIA SERVICE AUTOMATED  
IMMUNIZATION TRACKING SYSTEMS.

C. IMPLEMENT PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIONS THAT INFORM ALL PERSONNEL OF  
THE NECESSITY OF THIS TEMPORARY SUSPENSION PENDING THE CLARIFICATION  
OF THE LEGAL SITUATION. INFORM ALL PERSONNEL THAT THE FOCUS OF THE  
LEGAL RULING IS WHETHER THE VACCINE IS PROPERLY LICENSED FOR USE  
AGAINST INHALATION ANTHRAX (NOT CUTANEOUS OR GASTROINTESTINAL), AND  
NOT WHETHER THE VACCINE IS CONSIDERED SAFE.

D. COMFLTFORCOM WILL CONSOLIDATE A REPORT ON THE INVENTORY OF ALL  
UNOPENED VIALS OF ANTHRAX VACCINE FROM ALL MEDICAL DEPARTMENTS/  
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES UNDER THEIR COG. BUMED MEDICAL  
TREATMENT FACILITIES WILL CONSOLIDATE AND REPORT THE INVENTORY OF  
ALL UNOPENED VIALS OF ANTHRAX VACCINE TO THE NAVAL MEDICAL LOGISTICS  
COMMAND (301-619-2159/DSN 343). UNOPENED VIALS WILL BE STORED IN  
PLACE UNTIL FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ARE ISSUED.

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5. EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.

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