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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDANT OF THE U.S. MARINE CORPS

SUBJECT: Approval of U.S. Marine Corps Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program Implementation Plan

In accordance with the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness memorandum, dated December 6, 2006, Subject: Implementation of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program (AVIP), each Service is required to submit and receive approval of their AVIP plan before mandatory vaccinations can commence.

The U.S. Marine Corps AVIP implementation plan meets the requirements established in the memorandum above. As such, I approve the U.S. Marine Corps AVIP implementation plan.

This policy is effective immediately and should be communicated to the appropriate Marine Corps organizations involved in the implementation of the AVIP. Specific questions regarding implementation may be directed to the Military Vaccine Agency at (703) 681-5101.

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The Medical Officer of the Marine Corps