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SUBJ/IMMEDIATE STOPPAGE OF ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS//
REF/A/DOC/USD-PR MEMO/23 DEC 03//

AMPN/REF A IS UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND
READINESS (USD-PR) MEMORANDUM CITING DEPSECDEF DECISION
THAT DOD WILL STOP GIVING ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS PENDING
FURTHER NOTICE.//

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RMKS/1. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS MSG ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL
ACTIVE COMPONENT AND RESERVE COMPONENT MARINES, EMERGENCY-
ESSENTIAL AND MISSION-ESSENTIAL CIVILIAN AND CONTRACTOR
PERSONNEL, AND DOD DEPENDENTS.

2. ON 22 DECEMBER 2003, THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ISSUED A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION
AGAINST THE CURRENT OPERATION OF THE ANTHRAX VACCINE
IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (AVIP). IN RESPONSE, DOD, IN CONCERT WITH
OTHER AGENCIES, IS EVALUATING POSSIBLE LITIGATION AND PROGRAM
ACTIONS. PENDING FURTHER NOTICE, DEPSECDEF DECIDED THAT DOD
WILL STOP GIVING ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS.

3. PER REF A, OSD HAS DIRECTED THE FOLLOWING ACTION EFFECTIVE
IMMEDIATELY.

A. 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, REGARDLESS OF THEIR
CURRENT LOCATION. DO NOT IMPLEMENT VOLUNTARY VACCINATIONS VIA
INFORMED CONSENT PROCEDURES AT THIS TIME.

B. ENSURE ALL VACCINATIONS PREVIOUSLY ADMINISTERED ARE
ACCURATELY RECORDED IN MEDICAL RECORDS AND ELECTRONICALLY

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SUBMITTED TO THE DEFENSE ELIGIBILITY ENROLLMENT SYSTEM (DEERS) VIA SERVICE

AUTOMATED IMMUNIZATION TRACKING SYSTEM.

C. COMMANDERS WILL INFORM ALL PERSONNEL OF THIS STOPPAGE.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/GUIDANCE FROM OSD IS EXPECTED AS THE LEGAL SITUATION IS CLARIFIED.

4. ALL ANTHRAX POLICY MEMOS, OSD GUIDANCE, AND CMC GUIDANCE MAY BE VIEWED AT WWW.VACCINES.ARMY.MIL OR THE HQMC SIPR WEBSITE WWW.HQMC.USMC.SMIL.MIL/PLN/PLN_HOME/HTM.

5. THIS MARADMIN IS APPLICABLE TO THE MARINE CORPS TOTAL FORCE.//