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SUBJ: FDA FINAL ORDER ON ANTHRAX VACCINE

- A. 19 DEC 05 FDA DOCKET NO. 1980N-02028 FDA FINAL ORDER ON USE OF ANTHRAX VACCINE
- B. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 121233Z MAY 05 ALCOAST 254/05 EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) TO RESUME ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS
- C. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 252023Z JUL 05 ALCOAST 382/05 EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) FOR ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS EXTENDED
1. ON 15 DEC 2005, OFFICIALS FROM THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) RELEASED A FINAL ORDER, AGAIN FINDING THAT ANTHRAX VACCINE PROTECTS AGAINST ALL ROUTES OF EXPOSURE, INCLUDING INHALATION ANTHRAX. REF A WAS PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ON 19 DEC 2005. THE FULL TEXT IS AVAILABLE AT:  
[WWW.FDA.GOV/CBER/RULES/BVACTOXANTH.PDF](http://WWW.FDA.GOV/CBER/RULES/BVACTOXANTH.PDF).
2. WHILE SENIOR DOD LEADERSHIP COMPLETES A POLICY REVIEW, THE COAST GUARD WILL CONTINUE VOLUNTARY ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS AS PER REF B AND C. THIS INTERIM APPROACH WILL CONTINUE TO INCLUDE EDUCATIONAL BRIEFINGS, AN OPTION TO REFUSE, AND WEEKLY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. NOTE THAT THE COURT INJUNCTION AGAINST MANDATORY ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS IS STILL IN FORCE.
3. AS PER REF B, ONLY THOSE COAST GUARD UNITS IDENTIFIED OR NOTIFIED BY CG-1121 ARE AUTHORIZED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (AVIP).
4. PER REF C, THE CURRENT COAST GUARD POLICY FOR ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 14 JAN 2006. NEW TRIFOLD EDUCATIONAL BROCHURES DATED 16 DEC 2005 MUST REPLACE THE CURRENT TRIFOLD BROCHURE DATED 5 APRIL 2005. THESE ARE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD AT [WWW.ANTHRAX.MIL/EUA](http://WWW.ANTHRAX.MIL/EUA).
5. THE ANTHRAX VACCINATION PROGRAM REMAINS A COMMANDERS FORCE PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITY. COMMANDERS SHALL RESPECT THE OPTION TO REFUSE THE ANTHRAX VACCINATION DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE EUA.
6. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE AVIP, VISIT THE CG-1121 WEBSITE: [WWW.USCG.MIL/HQ/G-W/G-WK/WKH/INDEX.HTM](http://WWW.USCG.MIL/HQ/G-W/G-WK/WKH/INDEX.HTM) OR THE MILITARY VACCINE AGENCY WEBSITE: [WWW.VACCINES.MIL](http://WWW.VACCINES.MIL).
7. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROGRAM SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE CG-1121 STAFF, CDR MONICA KUENY AT 202-267-2622 OR LCDR ERICA SCHWARTZ AT 202-267-0845.
8. INTERNET RELEASED AUTHORIZED.
9. RADM PAUL J. HIGGINS, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND SAFETY, SENDS.

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