

UNITED STATES  
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

Washington

December 23, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

Subject: Danger Area in the Vicinity of Eniwetok Atoll

On December 2, 1947 the United States Government notified the Security Council of the United Nations that effective December 1, 1947 Eniwetok Atoll and its territorial waters were closed. The action was taken by the State Department upon the request of the Atomic Energy Commission.

The State Department, again acting upon the request of the Atomic Energy Commission, is notifying all foreign governments that, as a consequence of tests of military weapons, grave hazards will exist in the area described below, after January 31 and throughout the calendar year 1948.

The Atomic Energy Commission is taking action to make a public release to the effect that a danger area exists in the area described below. Action is also being taken with the Air Coordinating Committee to notify all national and foreign agencies engaged in air operations. The Commander, Joint Task Force Seven is taking action to notify all major commands in the Pacific, Alaska and Far East.

It is requested that action be taken to warn all naval and merchant shipping through an appropriate notice to mariners.

Effective date of establishment of the danger zone is January 31, 1948 and will continue through the calendar year 1948.

The area affected is described as follows:

"Beginning with a point at 10° - 15' North latitude and 160° - 35' East longitude, north along the meridian of 160° - 35' East Longitude to a point at 12° - 45' North latitude, 160° - 35' East longitude thence East along the parallel of 12° - 45' North latitude to a point at 12° - 45' North latitude and 163° - 55' East longitude, thence south along the meridian of 163° - 55' East longitude to a point at 10° - 15' North latitude and 163° - 55' East longitude, thence west to the point of beginning."

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Grave hazards as a consequence of tests of military weapons will exist in the above described area.

All possible precaution will be taken to insure against the incidence of injuries to human life or to property within the danger area. If necessary, warnings of any hazards outside the designated danger area will be given in the event that such dangers are created by activities conducted within the danger area.

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