

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
Santa Fe Operations Office
Albuquerque, N. M.

OFFICE OF THE MANAGER
ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 3

January 27, 1955

Spring 1955 Continental Atomic Tests

1. The U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, under the authority of the President, has formally authorized the conduct of a series of atomic tests at the AEC Nevada Test Site (formerly known as the Nevada Proving Ground), the operational period to begin on February 1, 1955, and to extend for a period of at least two months thereafter dependent upon meteorological conditions. This test series will be known as Operation TEAPOT and will be conducted by an organization drawn from AEC and contractor resources within the AEC's Santa Fe Operations organization and from various services within the Department of Defense, the Federal Civil Defense Administration, and other Federal agencies. (The U. S. Public Health Service, U. S. Weather Bureau, and Civil Aeronautics Administration are also assisting in the execution of the test.)

2. The following appointments have been made for the conduct of Operation TEAPOT:

Test Manager	Mr. James E. Reeves, Director Test Division, SFO
Scientific Advisor	Dr. A. C. Graves, Leader, J-1, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory
Test Director	Dr. J. C. Clark, Associate Leader, J-1, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory
Deputy Test Director	G. L. Felt, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory
	Duane Sewell, University of Cali- fornia Radiation Laboratory (Livermore Site)

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Deputy for Military Operations

**Colonel H. E. Parsons
Director, Weapons Effects
Tests, Field Command/
AFSWP**

Support Director

**Mr. Seth R. Woodruff, Jr.,
Manager of the AEC's Las
Vegas Field Office (will act
as Test Manager during
absences of Manager)**

3. The Test Organization will assume operational status on February 1, 1955, with its headquarters at Mercury, (Nevada Test Site) Nevada, and will remain operative until the test series is terminated by direction of the Manager, Santa Fe Operations, U. S. AEC.

4. During the operational period, until formal termination, the Test Manager will report directly to the Director of Military Application, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C., on the general conduct of the test and to the Department of Defense and the Federal Civil Defense Administration on matters concerning their participation. He will, however, continue to be responsible to the Manager, Santa Fe Operations, U. S. AEC, with respect to all administrative and long-range aspects of the operation of the Nevada Test Site and for activities not directly related to the Spring 1955 Nuclear Test Series.

5. During the operational period the Manager, Las Vegas Field Office, will report to the Test Manager except that in his role of administrator of all AEC contracts within the Las Vegas Field Office and for matters not pertaining to the full-scale test, he will continue to be responsible to the Manager, Santa Fe Operations.

6. For the duration of the operation, all personnel of the Test Division, SFO, will report to the Test Manager. Personnel of other Divisions of Santa Fe Operations and all cost-type contractors assigned to temporary duty to the Test Organization at the request of

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the Test Manager will be so designated and instructed under appropriate travel orders issued by and within routine procedures of their individual employing organizations.

7. For the duration of the operational period, the Office of Information, SFO, will move to Mercury and Las Vegas, Nevada, and will provide continuing information service to Santa Fe Operations from those locations. On matters pertaining to the test operation, the Director and personnel of the Office of Information will report to the Test Manager. On other matters the Director will continue to report to the Manager, Santa Fe Operations.

8. To the extent necessary for and essential to the accomplishment of the assigned test missions, a 54-hour workweek is authorized and approved for all AEC employees and all AEC cost-type contractor employees involved in the Las Vegas or Nevada Test Site areas during the operational period. (Ref SF Manual Chapter Para. 4230-042, b.)

9. A copy of the organization chart for the Spring 1955 TEAPOT Continental Tests is attached.

**Donald J. Leehey
Manager, SFO**

**Attachment:
Chart, Joint Test Organization**

**Distribution:
SF Appendix C, 0201-122a,
SF Chapter 0201**

