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SUPPORTING DIV OR OFFICE: Environment and Safety, Life Sciences

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TITLE OF PROJECT:

Fish Toxicity at Enewetak and Bikini Atolls, Marshall Islands

NAMES, DEPARTMENT, AND OFFICIAL TITLES OF PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL: (not including graduate students) engaged on the project, and fraction of man-year devoted to the project by each person.

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NO. OF GRADUATE STUDENTS ON PROJECT: 0 NO. OF GRADUATE STUDENT MAN-YEARS: 0

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED WORK: (200-300 words, omit Confidential Data). Summaries are exchanged with government and private agencies supporting research, are supplied to investigators upon request, and may be published in documents. Make summaries substantive, giving initially and for each annual revision the following: OBJECTIVE; SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND FOR STUDY; PROPOSED PROCEDURE; TEST OBJECTS AND AGENTS.

Ciguatera is a human intoxication caused by the ingestion of certain tropical reef fishes. A plausible theory of the unpredictable outbreaks of ciguatera links the sudden toxicity of normally edible fish to man-made activities at coral reefs. The proposed clean-up activities at Enewetak and Bikini atolls might therefore be accompanied by appearance of ciguateric fishes. Both carnivorous and herbivorous fishes will be caught and tested for ciguatera by an established bioassay (feeding of mongooses).

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RESULTS TO DATE:

One hundred and fifty-four specimens belonging to 24 species have been collected and tested. Of these, 11 of 12 specimens of Epinephelus fuscoguttatus (Serranidae) and 2 of 4 specimens of Plectropomus leopardus (Serranidae), totalling 8.5% of fish tested, were ciguateric.

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Signature of Principal Investigator (Acting)

DATE: 9/25/75

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