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MEMORANDUM FOR: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness
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Commander in Chief, US Strategic Command
Commander in Chief, US Transportation Command
Commander in Chief, US Forces Korea

Subject: Deployment Health Surveillance and Readiness

1. Force health protection (FHP) provides a conceptual framework for optimizing health readiness and protecting Service members from all health and environmental hazards associated with military service. A robust health surveillance system is a critical component of FHP. Deployment health surveillance includes identifying the population at risk (through, but not limited to, pre- and post-deployment health assessments), recognizing and assessing hazardous exposures (medical, environmental, and occupational), employing specific countermeasures, and monitoring health outcomes (through weekly disease and non-battle injury reporting). This memorandum provides routine, standardized procedures for assessing health readiness and conducting health surveillance in support of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and unified command deployments. General guidance is provided at Enclosure A and specific guidance is at enclosures B through E.

2. Effective 1 February 1999, the uniform and standardized health surveillance and readiness procedures described in this memorandum will be adhered to for all deployments (as defined at Enclosure A). This memorandum

supersedes the medical surveillance reporting procedures contained in the Joint Staff memorandum J-4A 00106-93,[1] and supports the implementation of DODD 6490.2,[2] DODI 6490.3,[3] and ASD-HA policy memorandum.[4]

3. Blank forms for the pre- and post-deployment health assessment and the weekly DNBI report are available for download under Deployment Surveillance at the following web site: http://cba.ha.osd.mil. The Deployment Surveillance Team (DST) maintains this section of the web site. The DST points of contact are Captain Lenny Denaro, DSN 761-7153 ext 4727, commercial (703) 681-7153 ext 4727, or Staff Sergeant Mark Carter, DSN 761-7153 ext 4742, or commercial (703) 681-7153 ext 4742. The fax number for the DST is DSN 761-5920 or commercial (703) 681-5920.

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Enclosures

References:

1 Joint Staff memorandum, J-4A 00106-93, 28 January 1993, "Medical Surveillance Report"

2 DODD 6490.2, 30 August 1997, "Joint Medical Surveillance"

3 DODI 6490.3, 7 August 1997, "Implementation and Application of Joint Medical Surveillance for Deployments"

4 ASD-HA memorandum, 6 October 1998, "Policy for Pre- and Post-Deployment Health Assessments and Blood Samples"