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The enclosed joint public announcement is being issued April 10 in the Pacific Trust Territory.

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This is a joint issuance (01 1974) by AEC, the Department of the Interior and the Defense Nuclear Agency.

The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission's report of Radiological Survey of Enewetak* Atoll is being distributed to officials of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and to representatives of the Enewetak People.

A technical study of the radiological conditions existing on the atoll, the three-volume report also has been forwarded to the Defense Nuclear Agency, Program Manager for the Department of Defense for "cleanup" operations on the atoll, and to the Department of the Interior which has responsibility for rehabilitation of the atoll.

While containing no recommendations on radiological cleanup levels or criteria for cleanup, the AEC study will influence final cleanup and rehabilitation plans. The AEC staff is now studying the report to develop cleanup recommendations.

These recommendations, when completed, along with engineer survey reports and master plans for resettlement of Enewetak Atoll, will determine the U.S. Government actions necessary to ready the atoll for return of the Enewetak People.

The DNA, which will direct the cleanup operation, must prepare a draft environmental impact statement, tentatively scheduled for publication in mid-May. Only after approval of the final environmental impact statement can DNA, working with the DOI and AEC, finalize plans for the actual cleanup and

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rehabilitation of the atoll. Acceptance and approval of the final environmental impact statement is not expected until late fall.

Due to the technical information contained in the AEC radiological survey, two AEC officials have been designated to explain this information to representatives of the Trust Territory and Enewetak People. Mr. Roger Ray, Assistant Manager of AEC's Nevada Operations Office, who was in charge of the survey, and Dr. Walter Nervik of the AEC's Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, who served as technical director for the survey, will depart April 9 for Saipan and Majuro to discuss the report.

Copies of the Enewetak Radiological Survey NVO-140 are available for review at the AEC's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., and at AEC offices in Las Vegas, Nevada; Oakland, California, and Honolulu, Hawaii.

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