SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDANT OF THE COAST GUARD

SUBJECT: Slowdown of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program (AVIP)

Consumption of remaining anthrax vaccine must be further reduced through an orderly slowdown of the AVIP to accommodate delays in availability of Food and Drug Administration released vaccine.

On June 5, 2001, the Deputy Secretary of Defense amended the scope of the AVIP's implementation to include only designated special mission units, manufacturing and Department of Defense research personnel, and Congressionally mandated anthrax vaccine research. As in previous immunization program slowdowns, individuals will defer scheduled dosing until adequate vaccine supplies exist and the AVIP resumes full implementation. Effective immediately, anthrax vaccine will only be shipped to designated special mission units and research facilities.

I request you direct implementation within your Service through execution messages to facilitate immediate implementation. Please formally coordinate your messages with the AVIP Agency point of contact, COL Randolph, at (703) 681-5101.

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