



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICE
FOR CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE
5203 LEESBURG PIKE
SKYLINE #2, SUITE 1609
FALLS CHURCH, VA 22041-3203



SFAE-CBD

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

AUG 26 2002

SUBJECT: Release of the Department of Defense (DoD) Biological Sampling Kit (BSK) to the Rock Island Army Depot for Distribution to the Armed Services

The Program Executive Office for Biological Defense's (PEO-CBD) requests the widest dissemination possible announcing the release of the DoD BSK to the military supply system.

The DoD BSK (operational and training) will be available through the Rock Island Army Depot to all services as of August 26, 2002. The National Stock Number (NSN) for the operational kit is 6665-01-494-8725. The NSN for the training kit is 6665-01-497-7811. Unit price for both the operational and training kits is \$59.39 each. The BSK comes with a panel of eight Hand Held Assays (HHAs), a conical tube that contains two cotton swabs for sampling, 10 ml Phosphate Buffer solution, and a 10 x 10 cm instruction card that can be used to measure the sampling area. Training CDs are available by request. See Enclosure 1 for more details.

The HHA is a simple, antibody - based assay (test) used to presumptively identify Biological Warfare (BW) agents. HHAs are the primary identification component of several fielded DoD BW detection systems: Biological Identification and Detection System (BIDS), Portal Shield, and the Joint Biological Point Detection System (JBPDs). HHAs are inexpensive, reliable, and easy to use. HHAs are a one - time use capability, each designed to presumptively identify one agent per assay. We have assays with the capability of identifying ten different BW threat agents and four simulant agents currently. Positive and negative trainer HHAs are also available. HHAs are not to be used as the sole method of identification and are not for diagnostic use. See Enclosure 2 for more details on the reliability of DoD HHAs.

The DoD BSK and its associated HHAs are employed for: field screening suspect munitions or munitions fragments for presence of BW agents; screening packages that display suspicious liquids, powders or suspensions; screening suspect terrorist laboratory or weapons materials that might be associated with the manufacture or delivery of BW agents; or as a contamination identification kit for indoor areas where it is suspected a BW agent has been released in fairly high concentrations.

The DoD BSK Item Manager at Rock Island Army Depot is Brenda Hanes at (309) 782-6023 or DSN: 793-6023. Her email address is hanesb@ria.army.mil.

The technical point of contact at the PEO-CBD is Ms. Judy Russell, Camber Corporation, at (703) 681-1804 or DSN: 761-1804, or Judith.russell@peocbd.army.mil



STEPHEN V. REEVES
Colonel(P), USA
Program Executive Officer
For Chemical Biological Defense

Enclosures
AS

DISTRIBUTION:

CDR, AFCESA/CEXR, Attn: Mr. Troy Stalvey, 139 Barnes Dr., Suite 1, Tyndall AFB, FL 32403-5419, Comm: (850) 283-6161, DSN: 523-6161
Email to: troy.stalvey@tyndall.af.mil

CDR, Marine Corps Systems Command, PM NBC Defense Systems, Attn: Adam Becker, 2033 Barnett Ave., Suite 315, Quantico, VA 221340-5010,
Comm: (703) 432-3210, DSN: 378-3210, Email to: BeckerAJ@mcsc.usmc.mil

CDR, HQDA, Attn: DCS, G-4 (MAJ John Ensor), 500 Army Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20310-0500, Comm: (703) 614-0919, DSN: 224-0919,
Email to: john.ensor@hqda.army.mil

CDR, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division, Attn: Dale Sisson
Dahlgren AFB, VA, Comm: (540) 653-3322, DSN: 249-3322
Email to: sissondw@nswc.navy.mil