

Navy Base Guam HISTORICAL RADIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT
MASTER INTERVIEW SHEET

Date/Time of Interview: November 1, 2017

Location of Interview: Agat, Guam

Name of Interviewer: Michael Marable / Adam Engel

Affiliation: Retired

Name of Interviewee: Tony Taianao

Address (Optional): P.O. 2813

Agana, Guam

Telephone (Optional): (671)565-2530

Email Address
(Optional): _____

Employed or performed work at Navy Base Guam? Yes or No

If Yes,

Position(s) Electronics Technician

Period(s) of work 1958 - 1988

Location(s) worked Building 1686 Radiac Cal Lab Separate
Fenced-In area Outside SRF

If No,

Association with installation _____

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3. Do you have specific knowledge of any documents or records pertaining to radioactive/hazardous materials management and/or incineration, disposal, or salvage operations at Navy Base Guam or affiliated sites (e.g., PWC, SRF, NHG, P.Pt.etc)?

No

a. If so, where are/were the documents/records located (refer to property map) and what type of information do/did they contain?

Production office took care of the paperwork. Licenses for radioactive sources were taken care of by the production area

4. Do you have specific knowledge of any landfill, disposal area, burn area, incinerator, or salvage areas located at Navy Base Guam or affiliated sites? Are you aware of any of these sites receiving hazardous and/or radioactive materials?

No knowledge, however Site 3 at Polaris Point (ship tender) takes Waste for disposal

a. If so, where are/were the areas located (refer to property map) and how were they used? Please describe what you have/had observed.

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5. Do you have knowledge of aircraft, ship, munitions or other maintenance or testing operations that have/may have included maintenance, removal, refurbishment of radioactive instruments, lenses, sights, counter weights, or other radioactive components that occurred at Navy Base Guam or affiliated sites?

No

a. If so, where have/may have these operations occurred (refer to property map)? Please describe what you have/had observed and/or level of involvement and include building name and number if known.

6. Do you have knowledge of accidents or tests that created airborne radioactivity within facilities or outside land areas that occurred at Navy Base Guam or affiliated sites?

NDT personnel that test welds, exposure rates

a. If so, where have/may have they occurred (refer to property map) and what is/was your involvement?

7. Do you have knowledge of radioactive material spills, decontamination or clean-up activities occurring at Navy Base Guam or affiliated sites?

No

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a. If so, where have/may have they occurred (refer to property map) and what was your involvement? Please describe what you have/had observed.

8. Do you have knowledge of research, laboratories, or medical facilities/activities that may have involved sealed or unsealed radioactive materials, animal studies, neutron generators, particle accelerators, or radioactive material/waste storage at Navy Base Guam or affiliated sites (excluding x-rays)?

No

a. If so, where have/may have they occurred (refer to property map) and what was your involvement? Please describe what you have/had observed.

9. Do you have knowledge of firefighting training activities at Navy Base Guam or affiliated sites? Are you aware of any standard operating procedures that supported this type of training?

Site 3 at Polaris Point (Fire Fighting Training Area) and at Drydock Island by Delta Fuel Farm (Reserve Craft Beach Landing Area.

a. If so, where have/may have the training activities taken place (refer to property map)?

b. What type(s) of material was burned for training activities and where were these materials acquired?

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c. If aircraft or vehicles were burned, were they stripped of parts (including radioactive items) prior to burning?

No, ask maybe EOD-Mobile Unit Five

d. If so, do you know how and where the stripped parts were disposed?

10. Do you have knowledge of any activity or site involved in the Manhattan Project or any Manhattan Engineering District (MED) activities (1942-1946) at Navy Base Guam or affiliated sites? Or knowledge of other Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) activities at Navy Base Guam

No, not familiar with that.

a. If so, where have/may have they occurred (refer to property map) or what is your reference(s)?

11. Do you have knowledge of any activity or site involved in the support of nuclear weapons testing (1945-1962), including any decontamination, maintenance, or storage of contaminated material from ships, vehicles, or planes?

No

12. Do you authorize the Navy to publish your responses (personal information will be excluded except your name and signature) to the above set of questions? For phone or interviews, does the interview provide this authorization? For email responses, is authorization documented?

Yes _____ No _____

Signature:

Date:

Telephone No.:

Email Address:

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Updated: October 2017

Additional Questions / Notes regarding survey performed at Building 2039 for Tony Taianao:

Do you remember Building 2039 surveys for radium paint?

No, Optical Shop was in another group (950) and know nothing about that.

Do you remember the Optical Shop being moved to Building 20 in the late 1950s and back in 1963?

Yes, Building 20, aka Hartin Building, Shop 31, East Side of Building

Optical Shop moved to where Building 20 is now.

Question: Asked Mr. Taianao about the surveys and cleanup of Building 2039 in 1979 and follow up surveys in 1983. Read him the survey notes. He does not recall rad survey in 2039 but he said they (they would have to call me in and I'd have to bring instruments. He never acknowledged two direct questions whether he remembered the presence of radium paint or surveys for radium in Building 2039.

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