

Navy Base Guam HISTORICAL RADIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT
MASTER INTERVIEW SHEET

Date/Time of Interview: November 2, 2017 0900

Location of Interview: Agana, Guam

Name of Interviewer: Mike Marable/Adam Engel

Affiliation: Retired, Civil Service Business
Manager

Name of Interviewee: William A. Payne

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(Optional): _____

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

If Yes,

Position(s) Electronics Mechanic-Crypto Mechanic

Electronics Foreman/Production
Controller/Chief Planner

Period(s) of work 1964-1995

Location(s) worked RTF Barrigada Transmitter Site - NCTMS;
Secure Communications; SRF Radiac Cal.
Lab: Crypto-vault manager(1 Yr); Trained
at Mare Island, CA to support NBG

If No,

Association with installation _____

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1. What type of activities did you perform at Navy Base Guam and/or SRF affiliated sites?

Transmitters for Land-based communications; Receiver school for ships; Reclamation of precious metals; gold and silver-coated components. Never worked in Gyro or Optical Shop. Everyone worked under specific procedures and protocols.

2. Are you aware of operations involving radioactive materials at Navy Base Guam or affiliated sites? For example: use of any radioactive check or calibration sources; maintenance or materials testing involving radioactive materials; use, handling, refurbishment or disposal of radioluminescent devices (dials, gauges and markers); smelting, incinerator, or open burning operations, dredging operations; construction operations; medical or other research activities (radiopharmaceuticals/drugs); waste accumulation areas or site disposal pits; disposal of ash residue/products, monazite sands, thoriated welding rods or sandblasting materials; etc.?

Radiac Laboratory; Quonset Hut in PWC compound (Bldg. 1686)

Waste went into drums lined with cement and worked with DRMO -

Haz. Waste Facility - goes back to SPCC supply center- all

Handled by DRMO

When Bldgs. 20 and 21 the contractors installed smoke detectors

I had to account for all of them. Some were not accounted for

Because another contractor for PWC Guam did maintenance and

Disposed of them themselves. But there was 15 % that were

Unaccounted for. Same protocol as DRMO. Other G-RAM ran by

Rolex repair shop man in town. He followed disposal protocols.

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If the ships brought something in for repair or painting he would have to paint them. Building 2039 destroyed by Typhoons 2-3 times. Reclaimed by print shop. Shop 67-Bldg 20. built in 1962-1964

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?

Documents were shipped to Naval Station Guam including purchases. They followed records retention protocols. DRMO kept some records

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?

Yes. Disposal at Naval Station Landfill by the back gate. Orote Landfill. Radiation surveys were conducted in the landfill for hot spots

- 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. Limited in scope to visiting ships or home-ported here and Maintenance would be performed. Niagara Falls, White Plains, San Jose

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.

At SRF for these vessels.

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?

No

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 at SRF, but any spill outside of SRF we wouldn't know about

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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?

No

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

Agana NAS

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?

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

Agana NAS, (dumpsite at Agana NAS) and AAFB

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

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, but 30 landing craft vessels from Eniwetok were deconned on Reserve Craft Beach, painted orange and used for target Practice in the ocean. Each was surveyed by Tony Taianao.

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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