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**Quality and Reliability Assurance
OVERSEA LABORATORIES FOR SUPPORT OF
QUALITY SURVEILLANCE ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS**

This regulation assigns each DOD component the responsibility for maintaining and operating petroleum laboratories in specified overseas areas, and for performing quality testing for DOD components. It also tells how these laboratories are to be established and closed.

1. Explanation of Terms. As used here, these terms have the following meaning:

a. Petroleum Laboratory. A facility operated by a military department (or under a commercial contract) to analyze and test petroleum products, to determine their usability.

b. Quality Surveillance. The process of determining and maintaining the quality of fuels and lubricants to assure their suitability for their intended use.

c. Petroleum Products. Petroleum or synthetic base lubricants or fuels used by the Armed Forces.

2. Funding Policy. Petroleum laboratories in overseas areas will serve all departments, the unified commands, and the Defense Logistics Agency on a non-reimbursable basis to determine the quality of petroleum products; however:

a. When commercial facilities are used to test a Defense Logistics Agency-owned product, the cost is borne by the Defense Stock Fund. When they are used to test Service-owned product, the cost is borne by the Service that owns the product.

b. Before using commercial facilities, when military laboratory facilities are not available, the prospective user will consult the host country for availability of laboratory services.

3. Area Responsibilities. The military department having physical possession of the product is responsible for maintaining quality surveillance (including sampling) and for submitting appropriate

samples for laboratory analysis. The department that has area responsibility as shown below will staff, operate, and maintain overseas laboratories to do quality surveillance testing:

a. Area	Department
Alaska	US Army
Atlantic (Less Azores, Canada)	US Navy
Atlantic (Azores, Canada (will use laboratories in ZI to provide this support)	US Air Force
Caribbean (Puerto Rico and Cuba)	US Navy
Continental Europe (France and Germany only)	US Army
Continental Europe (Greece, Italy and Spain-Rota, Cartagena and El Ferrol only)	US Navy
Continental Europe (Portugal and Spain-less Rota, Cartagena and El Ferrol)	US Air Force
Mediterranean Area, Near Middle East (Arabian Sea, Persian Gulf and Turkey only)	US Navy
Pacific (Phillipines, Japan -less Ryukyus Island, Guam, and Hawaii only)	US Navy
Pacific (Korea, Thailand and Ryukyus Island only)	US Army
Panama Canal Zone	US Navy
United Kingdom	US Air Force

b. The responsible department will determine the location of the laboratory and whether to use a commercial contractor or an in-house laboratory. At least one laboratory in the area must be equipped and staffed to perform Type "A" tests for Tablcs 4A through 4E of MIL-HDBK- 200. Quality Surveillance Handbook for Fuels and Lubricants.

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c. The assignment of area responsibility to one department does not prevent other departments in PCN 102 065400 00

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the area from maintaining laboratories for their own use. Also, the department responsible for an area may maintain more than one laboratory in that area, if required.

d. The responsible department will notify each of the other departments and the Defense Fuel Supply Center at the addresses below

of any change in the location of a laboratory or any limitation of its test capability.

(1) Commander, US Army Material Development and Readiness Command, ATTN: DRC-MM-SP, 5001 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria VA 22333

(2) Commanding Officer, Navy Petroleum Office, ATTN: Code 30, Cameron Station, Alexandria VA 22314

(3) Commander, San Antonio Air Logistics Center, ATTN: SFQ Kelly AFB TX 78241

(4) Commander, Defense Fuel Supply Center, ANNT: DFSC-T, Cameron Station Alexandria VA 22314

4. Establishing a New Laboratory.

If expanded operations make it necessary to establish an additional laboratory, the

unified command will determine which military department should operate it, and send the findings to that departmental headquarters. After reviewing the impact of the proposal on overall staffing, budgeting and planning that departmental headquarters will establish a coordinated position and advise the unified command.

5. Closing a Laboratory. When the responsible department (or the unified command) determines there is no need for the services of a laboratory, it may coordinate its proposal to close the laboratory with other departments, to determine whether they need it to support their operational requirements. If another department still requires the services of the laboratory, it may be retained by that requiring department.

6. Correlation Sampling. Each military department may expand its internal laboratory correlation sampling program to use the services of the nearest oversea laboratory outside its own area, or of a laboratory in CONUS. A copy of the test results on each correlation sample must be sent to each participating laboratory and each department at the address given in paragraph 3d above.

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