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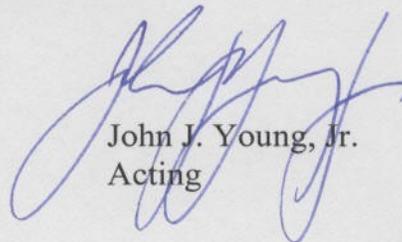
MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Joint Weapon, Munition, and Laser Safety Review and Approval Process in Support of USSOCOM – Memorandum of Agreement

- References: (a) July 17, 2007 USD (AT&L) Memorandum, “Reducing Preventable Accidents - Memorandum of Agreement”
(b) June 22, 2006 SECDEF Memorandum, “Reducing Preventable Accidents”
(c) May 21, 2005 USSOCOM Memorandum, “Secretary of Defense Safety Oversight Council Meeting”
(d) May 19, 2003 SECDEF Memorandum, “Reducing Preventable Accidents”

As requested by reference (a), the attached Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) has been signed by the respective Acquisition Executives and becomes effective immediately. This MoA formally implements the joint process described in the “Joint Systems Safety Review Guide for USSOCOM Programs” located at www.acq.osd.mil/atptf/. As the process is refined and continues to evolve, this Guide will be updated to ensure its continued successful implementation within the Department.

This MoA is the initial step in the Department’s efforts to streamline and integrate requirements affecting the Department’s collective weapon, munition, and laser safety reviews and certifications into a more collaborative process. As joint use of systems becomes a more common occurrence, successful implementation of this process will contribute to our ability to field mission critical capabilities on time and within cost. The success of these efforts will be directly dependent on cooperative collaboration among the Components’ respective Safety Organizations.


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Attachment:
USSOCOM MoA



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

AMONG

United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM)

Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics, & Technology)

Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, & Acquisition)

Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition)

SUBJECT: Joint Weapon, Munition and Laser Safety Review and Approval Process in Support of USSOCOM

1. ENCLOSURE (1): Joint Weapons Safety Review Guide Supporting USSOCOM
2. PURPOSE: This MOA defines Joint weapon, munition and laser safety reviews and approvals for expeditiously fielding safe weapon systems to USSOCOM and its component commands.
3. BACKGROUND: Acquisition programs within USSOCOM are joint programs that support SOF components. In the past, separate safety certifications and/or releases were required from multiple Military Department safety review boards to field these systems, causing frequent delays, increased costs, and duplication of testing. This MOA improves the Joint weapon, munition and laser safety review and certification process by eliminating the need for multiple board reviews and certifications. OUSD (AT&L/SSE) is the proponent for the enclosure (1) guide, and in coordination with the Military Departments and USSOCOM, is the point of contact for periodic coordination and review of the enclosure (1) guide.
4. SCOPE: This MOA delineates the responsibilities and procedures for implementing and managing the Joint safety review and approval process for USSOCOM funded programs.
5. RESPONSIBILITIES:
 - a. USSOCOM shall:
 - (1) Identify the appropriate Military Department and request they manage the safety certification for the weapon under development for USSOCOM weapon acquisition programs; notify the other Military Departments of the decision made in response to the request; and provide program and technical information necessary to support the lead Military Department's safety certification efforts.

(2) The appropriate USSOCOM acquisition officials (SOAE, PEO, PM) will act as the risk acceptance authority, per DoDI 5000.2.

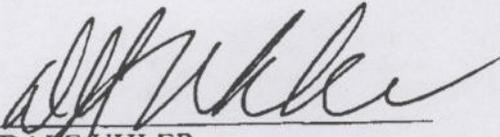
b. Military Departments shall:

(1) Identify Service Safety Review Coordinators (SSRC), as defined in enclosure (1), to support the lead safety certification Department.

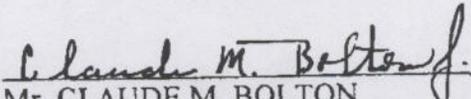
(2) Support the lead safety certification Department, which in turn will coordinate reviews of designs, testing data, and all technical and safety analyses with the other interested Departments, and resolve conflicting issues, comments, and concerns.

6. PROCESS: The Military Departments and USSOCOM agree to follow the process contained in the enclosure (1) guide.

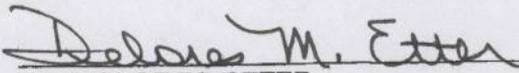
7. This MOA will remain in effect until revised, superseded by the mutual agreement of the signatory organizations, or cancelled.



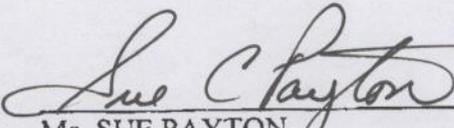
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Date: 7/20/07



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