EFFECTS OF MICROWAVE ON THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

A contract in the amount of $176,065 has been awarded to the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, by the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, to study the effects of chronic exposure to low intensity (5 mW/cm^2) microwave radiation on rat behavior, EEG, and blood and urine biochemistry. The animals will be irradiated eight hours per day, in five-day per week sessions at 915 and 2450 MHz. The project, under the direction of Dr. Om Gandhi, will try to answer questions on the disparate safety levels of radiation followed in the U.S. and the Eastern-block countries. The work will be performed jointly with the University of Washington, Seattle.

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ITEMS FROM THE COMMERCE BUSINESS DAILY

☐ **FURTHER RESEARCH ON THE NEUROPHYSIOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIORAL EFFECTS OF CONTINUED WAVE AND PULSED MICROWAVES IN RODENTS AND OTHER LABORATORY ANIMALS.**

The Office of Naval Research, Arlington, Virginia, has contracted with the Board of Regents of the University of Washington, Seattle, for the above study. (January 30, 1976)

☐ **INVESTIGATION OF ELECTRIC FIELDS.**

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas, has contracted with the Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park, California, for the above study. (August 11, 1976)

☐ **EXPANSION OF STUDY ON THE EFFECTS OF MICROWAVE RADIATION ON THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM.**

The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Food and Drug Administration, Rockville, Maryland, has contracted with George Washington University, Washington, D.C., for the above study. (July 21, 1976)

☐ **RESEARCH ON MICROWAVE BIOTISSUES.**

The University of Maryland, College Oaks, will perform the above study. (July 2, 1976)

MICROWAVE/RADIOFREQUENCY BIOEFFECTS BIBLIOGRAPHY

The eighth supplement to the "Bibliography of Reported Biological Phenomena ('Effects') and Clinical Manifestations Attributed to Microwave and Radio-Frequency Radiation," published in August 1976, is available from the National Technical Information Service (Springfield, VA 22151) as AD 734-391. This report, prepared by Dr. Zorach R. Glaser and Patricia F. Brown of the Naval Medical Research Institute Detachment, Naval Surface Weapons Center/Dahlgren Laboratory, Dahlgren, Virginia, contains approximately 350 references. Particular attention is paid to the effects of microwave and radiofrequency radiation on man.

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MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

OPERATIONAL HEALTH PHYSICS SYMPOSIUM

Date: February 9-12, 1976
Place: Denver, Colorado
Sponsor: Health Physics Society
Requests for Information: Mr. J. B. Martin, P.O. Box 3229, Boulder, Colorado 80303

MICROWAVE POWER SYMPOSIUM 1976

Date: July 27-30, 1976
Place: Louvain, Belgium
Sponsor: International Microwave Power Institute
Requests for Information: Mr. V. Decareau, P.O. Box 247, Amherst, New Hampshire 03037

EUROPEAN MICROWAVE CONFERENCE

Date: September 14-17, 1976
Place: Rome, Italy
Sponsor: Italian Association of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
Requests for Information: Microwave Exhibitions and Publishers Ltd., Temple House, 36 High St., Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1JG, England

INTERNATIONAL IEEE ANTENNAS AND PROPAGATION SYMPOSIUM

Date: October 11-15, 1976
Place: Amherst, Massachusetts
Sponsor: IEEE, URSI
Requests for Information: R. E. McIntosh, Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts 01002

Selected Bibliography of Papers Presented:

LYMPHOCYTE TRANSFORMATION INDUCED BY MICROWAVE RADIATION. A. T. Huang (Dept. Medicine, Duke Univ. Medical Center, Durham, NC), M. E. Engle and J. A. Elder.

EFFECTS OF PULSED MICROWAVES ON THE HEMATOPOIETIC SYSTEM OF MICE. H. A. Ragan (Biology Dept., Battelle, Pacific Northwest Lab., Richland, WA 99352) and R. D. Phillips.

LOW INTENSITY MICROWAVE EFFECTS ON THE SYNTHESIS OF THYROID HORMONES AND SERUM PROTEINS. W. D. Travers (Bionucleonics Dept., Sch. Pharmacy and Pharmacal Sciences, Purdue Univ., West Lafayette IN 47907) and R. J. Vetter.

CAN ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES CAUSE CONGENITAL ANOMALIES? R. Rugh (U.S. Dept. Health, Education, Welfare, Public Health Service, Food, Drug Admin., Bureau Radiological Health, Rockville, MD) and M. McManaway.

MICROWAVE-INDUCED TERATOLOGY IN THE RAT. M. E. Chernovetz (Tulsa Univ., Tulsa, OK), A. F. Oke, and D. R. Justesen.

THE EFFECT OF REPEATED MICROWAVE EXPOSURE IN NEONATAL RATS. R. Guillet (Dept. Radiation Biology and Biophysics, Sch. Medicine and Dentistry, Univ. Rochester, Rochester, NY) and S. Michaelson.

RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA SCIENCE ASSEMBLY AND ANNUAL MEETING

Date: November 14-19, 1976
Place: Chicago, Illinois
Sponsor: RSNA
Requests for Information: Ms. A. Swenson, Executive Director, Radiological Society of North America, 15th Floor, One Mony Plaza, Syracuse, New York 13202

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE

Date: November 29 through December 1, 1976
Place: Dallas, Texas
Sponsor: IEEE
Requests for Information: J. H. Tilley, Collins Radio Company, North Alma Road, Richardson, Texas 75080

THE CHEMICAL SOCIETY SYMPOSIUM ON NEWER ASPECTS OF MOLECULAR RELAXATION PROCESSES

Date: December 13-14, 1976
Place: London, United Kingdom
Sponsor: The Chemical Society (Faraday Division) [U.K.]
Requests for Information: Mrs. Y. A. Fish, Faraday Division, The Chemical Society, Burlington House, London, W1V OBN, United Kingdom

INTERNATIONAL RADIATION PROTECTION CONGRESS

Date: April 24-30, 1977
Place: Paris, France
Sponsor: IRPA
Requests for Information: G. Bresson, BP 33, 92260-Fontenay-aux-Roses, France

Biological Effects Nonionizing Electromagnetic Radiation 1(1), October 1976

MICROWAVE POWER SYMPOSIUM 1977

Date: May 25-28, 1977
Place: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Sponsor: International Microwave Power Institute
Requests for Information: Mr. O. P. Snyder, University of Minnesota, Department of Food Science and Nutrition, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55108

IEEE-MIT INTERNATIONAL MICROWAVE SYMPOSIUM

Date: June 21-23, 1977
Place: San Diego, California
Sponsor: IEEE
Requests for Information: R. Casey, Code 1300, NELC, San Diego, California 92152

ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY SYMPOSIUM AND EXHIBITION

Date: June 28-30, 1977
Place: Montreux, Switzerland
Sponsor: Swiss PTT
Requests for Information: Mr. T. Dvorak, Hochfrequenztechnik, 8092 ETH Zurich, Switzerland

ENGINEERING IN MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY CONFERENCE

Date: November 5-9, 1977
Place: Los Angeles, California
Sponsor: Alliance for Engineering in Medicine and Biology
Requests for Information: Mrs. P. I. Horner, Assistant Director and Conference Coordinator, Alliance for Engineering in Medicine and Biology, Suite 1350, 5454 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015

0001 RADIOFREQUENCY RADIATION INTERFERENCE (RFI) OF MEDICAL PROSTHETIC DEVICES. Mitchell, J. C.; Hardy, K. A. (U.S. Air Force, Sch. Aerospace Medicine, Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX 78235).

This study is aimed at developing test data on the interaction of Air Force radiofrequency radiation emitters and medical prosthetic devices. The initial objective is to assess manufacturers' progress in developing cardiac pacemakers to operate properly pulsed radiofrequency fields of 200 V/m. The overall purpose of this research and development effort is to resolve the potential hazard to cardiac pacemaker users in the vicinity of radiofrequency radiation emitters. A state-of-the-art test sample of cardiac pacemakers including approximately 20 types made by 10 different manufacturers will be tested to a variety of radiofrequency radiation sources. Tests will be conducted in both "free-field" and "simulated-implant" configurations, in the laboratory, and at radar and communication sites remote from Brooks Air Force Base. Test plans include studies using the AWACS radar, AN/FPS-24 and 35 research radar, AN/MPS-T1 ECM threat simulators, AN/FRT-49 ground to air telemetry system, and a LORAN system. The AN/FPS-85 and and AN/TPS-44 may also be studied. (7/75-6/76)

Supporting Agency:U.S. Dep. Def., Air Force.

0002 NONIONIZING ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION INTERACTION WITH CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM CNS FUNCTION (ABBREV). Diachenko, J. A.; Glaser, Z. R. (U.S. Navy, Surface Weapons Center, Dahlgren, VA 22448).

Nonionizing, electromagnetic radiation may interact with the central nervous system. However, the course, character, and extent of central nervous system interaction has not been clearly defined. Neuromuscular microtremor measured at the fingertip offers a sample of central nervous system function. The literature amply demonstrates that normal human tremor (typically measured with the finger pressed upon a transducer) exhibits a major peak neuromuscular frequency between 8-12 Hz, and where the central nervous system has been acted upon by toxic substances, the tremor typically shifts to a lower frequency below 8 Hz. Workers exposed to electromagnetic radiation will be studied via microtremor sampling to investigate changes in central nervous system function and to obtain a better definition of the onset and course of electromagnetic interaction. A tremor sensing device has been built and used to obtain samples from workers exposed to electromagnetic radiation and from control personnel. Testing does not involve intentional exposure of subjects to electromagnetic radiation. Samples are obtained from electromagnetic radiation-exposed workers before and after any exposure encountered in their normal work and consist of analog recordings from the fingertip as it presses a sensitively balanced transducer. The transducer forms one side of a balanced bridge circuit such that minute force changes on the transducer cause larger unbalanced voltages within the bridge, thus obtaining a direct translation of finger vibrations (tremor) into voltage shifts. These voltage changes are analyzed through a fourier spectrum analyzer, which yields power spectra for each 2 minute sample—literally a sorting of frequencies with attendant power. This power spectrum offers visual evidence of the normal tremor peak between 8-12 Hz. (7/75-6/76)

Supporting Agency:U.S. Dep. Def., Navy.

0003 CARDIOVASCULAR EFFECTS OF MULTIFREQUENCY MICROWAVE RADIATION. Reno, V. R.; Beischer, D. E. (U.S. Navy, Biomedical Division, Pensacola, FL 32512).

Laboratory experiments will be conducted to evaluate the effects of operational microwave exposure of naval personnel. This study is part of an approach that involves considerations of dosimetry, scaling and frequency specificity as related to the observed changes in the electrocardiogram (ECG). Subhuman primates will be exposed to microwave radiation in the range of 1-30 mW/cm^2 for extended periods. Vertically or horizontally polarized radiation will be used at selected frequencies between 1 and 12.4 GHz to characterize frequency and polarization specific effects. Changes in cardiac performance will be determined by computer analysis of the ECG and correlated with the various radiation parameters. The results from these experiments will be integrated with those from studies under the same conditions to provide more complete insight into the biological effects of microwave radiation. This new work unit continues previously performed research. (7/75-6/76)

Supporting Agency:U.S. Dep. Def., Navy.

0004 PROGRAM ON THE QUANTITATION OF THE EFFECTS OF ELECTROMAGNETIC ENERGY ON HUMAN TISSUE. Guy, A. W. (Univ. Washington, Medical Rehabilitation Research & Training Center, 15th Ave. N.E., Seattle, WA 98105).

The purpose of this investigation is to advance the existing knowledge on the human body and to provide realistic guidelines for safety standards of human exposure. The electromagnetic field patterns from external sources of energy, both in and exterior to the tissues of human subjects and test animals, will be established quantitatively. The test animals will be exposed to the various continuous wave and modulated electromagnetic sources at both thermal and nonthermal lower levels while monitoring the energy in the tissues. The physiological and behavioral characteristics of the animals will be observed before, during, and after exposure to electromagnetic radiation. The time and power density thresholds for cataract production will be determined in animals exposed to microwave radiation. Safe human exposure levels will be determined, taking into proper account the source, configuration, frequency, and location. The theoretical analysis involves the solution of Maxwell's equation for the absorbed power by biological systems for a host of different geometries. The experimental studies involve controlled exposure of test animals to select sources of electromagnetic energy with the aim of quantifying observable effects and changes on the biological systems. Thus far, the minimum catar-

actogenic threshold in the eye of a rabbit exposed to electromagnetic energy has been determined. The threshold for human auditory perception of incident microwave pulses was found to correspond to a specific pulse energy density regardless of average or peak power. Calculated peak pressures induced in mammalian tissues by the incident electric field energy were found to be above the bone-conduction threshold. The behavior of the spinal cord exposed to high level microwaves indicates that this central nervous system structure is subject to functional alteration by the impingement of radiation. These effects are not unique; they are the same as the effects of nonradiation heating. If the tissues are properly cooled during microwave illumination, the effects are ameliorated or even reversed. The effect of radiating the abnormally cold spinal cord with microwaves is to change the activity in the direction toward normalcy. (7/75-6/76)

Supporting Agency:HEW, Social & Rehabilitation Serv., Office of Res. Demons. & Trng., Res. & Trng. Centers Div.

0005 INTERACTION OF ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD WITH HUMAN BODY. Chen, K. (Michigan State Univ., Sch. Engineering, Engineering Building, East Lansing, MI 48824).

This research program will concentrate on the interaction of an electromagnetic field with the human body. A theoretical study will be conducted to determine the internal electromagnetic field induced inside the body and the external electromagnetic wave scattered by the body when it is illuminated by an electromagnetic wave. The accuracy of the theoretical results will be verified by an experimental study that will be conducted to measure the electric fields induced inside of simple boxes containing saline solution and inside the phantom model, which closely approximates the actual human tissues and torso. The theoretical method involves the numerical solution of a tensor integral equation for the electric field induced inside an irregularly shaped body. Various models of the human torso or other biological systems will be considered. It is anticipated that after the accuracy of the theoretical method is established a user-oriented computer program for the field calculations will be developed. (8/75-7/76)

Supporting Agency:U.S. Natl. Sci. Found., Div. Eng.

0006 BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF LOCALIZED E- AND H-FIELDS IN THE STANDING MICROWAVE FIELD. Beischer, D. E.; Reno, V. R. (U.S. Navy, Biomedical Division, Pensacola, FL 32512).

Standing waves are found on board ship due to microwave reflections from metal walls and equipment. The effects of localized E- and H-fields on living objects will be investigated. Electric (E) and magnetic (H) fields will be generated at different microwave frequencies by reflection of a traveling wave from a metal plate in an anechoic chamber. Measurements based on previous experience will provide information on the degree of local separation of the E- and H-components of the field. Small organisms, such as, *tribolium pupae* will be introduced into known parts of the field and the bioeffects (wing deformation in the imagio) determined. This series of experiments should provide some of the first information available on specific bioeffects of E- and H-fields at microwave frequencies. (7/75-6/76)

Supporting Agency:U.S. Dep. Def., Navy.

0007 BEHAVIORAL CHARACTERISTICS OF MONKEYS AND RATS IRRADIATED WITH MICROWAVES. Delorge, J. O.; Beischer, D. E. (U.S. Navy, Biomedical Division, Pensacola, FL 32512).

The effects of low power density microwave radiation on monkeys and rats will be investigated by measuring their ongoing operant behavior. Rhesus monkeys, squirrel monkeys, and rats trained on various operant tasks will be exposed for prolonged durations to microwave radiation at power levels of 8-16 mW/cm^2, pulsed at selected frequencies. The animals, while working, will be exposed to vertically or horizontally polarized radiation at 1.7 and 6 GHz to demonstrate differential effects of polarization and frequency. The exposures will occur in essentially non-reflective restraint devices. In addition the animals, chosen for size differences, will perform similar tasks and provide information for comparative study of animal size and microwave parameters utilizing behavior as the dependent variable. This new work unit continues previously performed research. (7/75-6/76)

Supporting Agency:U.S. Dep. Def., Navy.

0008 COMPARISON OF THEORETICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL ABSORPTION OF RADIOFREQUENCY. Durney, C. H.; Johnson, C. C. (Univ. Utah, Sch. Engineering, 1400 East 2nd St., Salt Lake City, UT 84112).

Recent data indicate that the biological hazard of nonionizing electromagnetic radiation is frequency dependent, and body shape, size, and orientation are important variables affecting power deposition and subsequent hazard. The Air Force is advocating a frequency related safety standard approach with the objective of extending theoretical radiofrequency power absorption calculations and to perform experimental measurements necessary for assessing realistic personnel exposure criteria in the 10 kHz to 100 MHz frequency range. Assessment techniques will account for size and orientation effects, to extrapolate from animal to human radiofrequency exposure situations. A set of prolate spheroid models will be constructed to represent the rhesus primate and human. Theoretical calculations will be made to determine the amount of power absorbed for exposures between 10 kHz and 100 MHz. Power absorption measurements will be performed from 10-30 MHz and the results compared with theory. Rhesus primates will be exposed in the same geometry as the phantoms to evaluate anisotropic effects. The resulting data will be used to establish appropriate personnel exposure guidelines for a broader frequency range

than can be measured with available experimental apparatus. (7/75-6/76)

Supporting Agency:U.S. Dep. Def., Air Force.

0009 IONIZING AND NON-IONIZING RADIATION BIOLOGY. Appleby, A. (Rutgers State Univ., Agricultural Experiment Station, Old Queens Building, New Brunswick, NJ 08903).

The investigators will evaluate the effect of chronic low level microwave exposures on the mammalian anterior lens as they relate to cataract formation at various age levels. Fundamental data will be obtained relevant to the understanding of the chemical and biological processes involved in the interaction of radiation with organisms. The results will be used to develop practical means to inhibit, neutralize, or reverse the biological damage caused by radiation. The mitotic index of chosen mammalian species of different age groups will be measured after various exposure periods, using a tritiated thymidine-autoradiographic technique, followed by observing cataract producing doses. The relative radiation sensitivity of experimental animals (e.g., rats) with or without treatment by radiated gas will be determined by standard procedures. (7/75-6/76)

Supporting Agency:New Jersey State Govt.

0010 IMPACT OF RF BIOEFFECTS ON AF OPERATIONS. Mitchell, J. C.; Hardy, K. A. (U.S. Air Force, Sch. Aerospace Medicine, Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX 78235).

Specific Air Force systems radiofrequency emission and bioeffects studies will be conducted, and a state-of-technology data base will be maintained to support environmental impact positions and operational radiofrequency safety criteria for future and ongoing systems such as AN/FPS-85, AWACS, 487L, 414L, PAVE-PAWS, and SEEK-SAIL. Radiofrequency radiation effects data applicable to Air Force radiofrequency safety criteria and systems' operations will be compiled as background information. Systems' studies will be undertaken in accordance with mission direction. The radiofrequency biomedical data base generated under this effort will be used to support the Air Force petition for a change in OSHA standards, Title 29, CFR 1910.97 and in the revision of AFM 161-7. Initial state-of-the-art data will be obtained through a multi-agency contract with the Franklin Institute to provide a quarterly *Digest of Biological Effects of Microwave and Radiofrequency Radiation*. (7/75-6/76)

Supporting Agency:U.S. Dep. Def., Air Force.

0011 NAVY ENVIRONMENT: EFFECTS ON BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS DUE TO MICROWAVE IRRADIATION. Durney, C. H.; Lords, J. L. (Univ. Utah, Sch. Engineering, 1400 East 2nd St., Salt Lake City, UT 84112).

Recent increases in the use of microwave emitting devices have caused growing concern about the health hazards resulting from exposure of personnel to microwave radiation. Though there is general agreement on the hazards resulting from tissue heating by high-level microwave irradiation, little is known about possible damage produced by exposure to low-power microwave radiation. This research is investigating the response of isolated turtle hearts to pulsed irradiation and to different frequencies. Hearts from freshly killed turtles are placed in Ringers solution and a record of physical and electrical activity is taken until stabilization occurs. Microwave power is then delivered to the heart, and the activities of the heart recorded. Chemical stimulants and depressants are added to determine which of the two parts of the autonomic nervous system is most affected by the microwave field. The microwave field parameters are varied and mammalian (rat) hearts also are being studied. (7/75-6/76)

Supporting Agency:U.S. Dep. Def., Navy.

0012 BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF MICROWAVES. Baranski, S. (Coord. Comm. Polish American Collab., Warsaw, Poland).

The objective of this monograph is to reduce the effects of microwave irradiation and improve current treatment methods by disseminating new knowledge and technological capability. The monograph, intended for international use in research or medical practice, will review the biological effects of microwave irradiation. The use of microwave generators in industry, radio-navigation, radio-communication, radio-location, and in research will be reviewed, and the possible hazards for personnel employed within the compass of irradiation will be identified. The physical characteristics of microwaves, the biological effects of microwave exposure, and methods aimed at preventing the health hazards arising from continued exposure to microwave irradiation will be identified. The monograph will consist of approximately 350 pages including supporting tabulations and photographs. (7/75-6/76)

Supporting Agency:HEW, PHS, NIH, Fogarty Intl Ctr.

0013 NAVY ENVIRONMENT: INVESTIGATION OF THE BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF PULSED ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS GENERATED BY NAVAL OPERATIONS. Cleary, S. F. (Virginia Commonwealth Univ., Sch. Medicine, 901 W. Franklin St., Richmon, VA 23219).

High frequency, high intensity electromagnetic pulse (EMP) fields can be produced by certain naval operations. Evidence tends to point toward reversible effects in some biological systems. This research is an attempt to determine whether the instantaneous field strengths and pulse characteristics of EMP are capable of producing biological alterations of interest to man. This will be a two-part study. The first will be a study of the effects of EMP fields on serum proteins, blood chemistry, and drug-induced (pentobarbital) sleeping time in the dutch rabbit. Comparisons will be made to recent related study

findings. The second phase of this work will examine the EMP fields on an artificial biomembrane of known resistance, membrane potential, and dielectric breakdown potential. These membrane properties will then be investigated as a function of the amplitude and pulse repetition rate of an applied EMP field. All exposures will be made using the EMP simulator at the naval weapons laboratory, Dahlgren, Virginia. (7/75-6/76)

Supporting Agency:U.S. Dep. Def., Navy.

0014 NAVY ENVIRONMENT: MUTAGENIC EFFECTS DUE TO MICROWAVE RADIATION GENERATED BY NAVAL OPERATIONS. Varma, M. M.; Joshi, S. R. (Howard Univ., Sch. Engineering, 2400 6th St. N.W., Washington, DC 20001).

The use of microwave generators in communications, navigations, industry and the military has increased tremendously in recent years. The possibility exists that naval personnel may be exposed to these radiations. This research will evaluate the mutagenicity as a function of frequency, exposure time, and power level of microwaves when used to expose testes of mice. Mice testes will be exposed to microwaves at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. After each exposure the males will be mated to three unexposed virgen females for five days. The females will be replaced weekly for eight consecutive weeks. Mated females, as evidenced by the presence of a vaginal plug, will be dissected on day 13 of the pregnancy and the total number of implants, viable implants, and early and late fetal deaths will be recorded. The results will be compared with concurrent control groups. Adverse genetic effects will be studied by observation of the F1, F2 and F3 progeny of exposed male mice. The experiments have proceeded in an orderly fashion since they were begun. There is some indication that the percentage of early deaths resulting from matings is related to the time of mating following exposure of the mouse testes. Results are still inconclusive pending further tests now in progress. (7/75-6/76)

Supporting Agency:U.S. Dep. Def., Navy.

0015 NAVY ENVIRONMENT: QUANTITATION OF MICROWAVE RADIATION EFFECTS ON THE HEAD AND EYES OF RABBITS, PRIMATES AND MAN. Kramer, P. O.; Emery, A. (Univ. Washington, Sch. Medicine, C304 Health Sciences Building, Seattle, WA 98105).

Exposure to microwave radiation can cause the production of opacity and damage in the eye. The exact conditions under which the effect occurs are yet to be established. Consequently, there is a great deal of controversy concerning the safe level of human exposure to microwave radiation. The increased use of high power microwave equipment by the Navy and other armed services, as well as by the general population, demands well-planned and expertly executed theoretical and experimental investigations. Using well established and quantified exposures, the cataractogenic threshold for the eyes of the rhesus monkey will be established for 2450 MHz. A computer model of the power absorption in the eye of the monkey, together with the model of the rabbit eye should allow for some extrapolation to humans. Rabbit lenses will be exposed to threshold and sub-threshold levels of microwaves and sections will then be examined by electronmicroscopy for ultrastructural changes. A number of rabbits will be exposed to chronic, sub-threshold levels. Studies of the disturbances in blood coagulation mechanism will be monitored together with the eye examinations. (7/75-6/76)

Supporting Agency:U.S. Dep. Def., Navy.

0016 NAVY ENVIRONMENT: NEUROPHYSIOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIORAL EFFECTS DUE TO MICROWAVE IRRADIATION. Guy, A. W.; Lovely, R. H. (Univ. Washington, Sch. Medicine, C304 Health Sciences Building, Seattle, WA 98105).

An outstanding problem in the interaction of microwave energy with biological systems is one of determining at what level the interaction constitutes a hazard. In order to provide a better understanding of the hazards associated with microwave irradiation and a scientific basis for safety standards, it is proposed in this study to quantify the biological effects of continuous wave and pulsed microwaves, as well as their frequency and intensity dependence through controlled exposure of test animals. Current emphasis in this research on the effects of acute and chronic exposure to microwave radiation in laboratory animals is placed on the quantification of behavioral change effects and on physiological mechanisms, such as, the endocrine stress response. Behavioral studies are carried out by using operant and classical conditioning techniques. Monitoring of pituitary-adrenal axis activity will determine the influence of microwave radiation on normally functioning hormonal systems. Additional work is concerned with a theoretical investigation of energy distribution inside the animal bodies. (7/75-6/76)

Supporting Agency:U.S. Dep. Def., Navy.

0017 BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF AF RF TRANSMITTER FIELDS. Frazer, J. W.; Merritt, J. H. (U.S. Air Force, Sch Aerospace Medicine, Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX 78235).

Firm foundations for electromagnetic safety standards for Defense Department personnel and the general population affected by Department of Defense radiators, depend on: (1) precise knowledge of the magnitude of the radiofrequency insult, as in any environmental consideration, (2) the relationship between insults and responses of experimental animals to those of man, (3) the bases on which the insult, in this case internal distribution of electromagnetic fields, acts, and (4) the magnitude of insult levels no longer producing a measurable response. This effort will investigate the biological consequences of Air Force aircrew exposures to unique radiofrequency radiation environments and to extrapolate the empirical findings to adjust personnel exposure criteria. Responses of experimental animals to field modulations reportedly

at frequencies of brain theta rhythms have been reported. The present hypothesis of high field Kerr effects and low field thermal distribution as major factors in inducing responses to electromagnetic radiation fields are at variance with assumed processes producing such effects. Field modulation effects, including pulsed fields, on a variety of central nervous system ionic and chemical distributions will be examined. Lymphocyte responses will be examined as a function of field amplitude in intact animals, while culture responses are examined in another study. (7/75-6/76)

Supporting Agency:U.S. Dep. Def., Air Force.

0018 BIOPSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES OF MICROWAVE IRRADIATION. Justesen, D. R.; Sheridan, C. L.; Levinson, D. M. (U.S. Veterans Admin. Hosp., 4801 Linwood Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64128).

Three years after fetal irradiation by 2450 MHz microwave energy, the last survivors among a group of CWF mice have now died. The rats were irradiated once daily on the 11th-14th days of gestation with a 36 J/g energy dose administered at the rate of 30 mW/g for 1200 seconds. The rats were exposed in a multi-mode cavity at 20°C and with a high turnover of air (approximately 3 M^3/min), at 40-60 percent relative humidity. Complex modulation was used: 60 Hz sinusoid half-waves superimposed upon 12 Hz pulses induced by mode-stirring. Sham-irradiated control mice reached the 50 percent mortality level near the 22nd month, post-partum; radiated mice, near the 31st month. In the same study, mice that had been innoculated with an homogenate of reticular cell sarcoma developed tumors at a slower rate in radiated than in sham-irradiated groups. The finding of enhanced longevity of mice (p much less than .01) following intense fetal microwave irradiation confirms that found (but apparently not recognized) earlier by Prausnitz & Susskind (IRE Trans. on Biomed. Elec., BME-9, 104-108). In another study, teratology, survival, and maze learning by mice of the C3H/HeJ strain were observed after a single, fetally administered dose (approximately 23 J/g) of energy in the same cavity. Dosing of dams on the 11th, 12th, 13th, or 14th day of gestation had no reliable effects as a function of radiation per se. However, high rates of fetal mortality resulting from treatment of dams with a single, 5 mg dose of cortisone as an acetate were reliably reduced by the 23 J/g dose of radiation. (7/75-6/76)

Supporting Agency:U.S. Veterans Adm.

0019 PERSONNEL TECHNOLOGY: THE EFFECTS OF IONIZING AIR AND RADIO ENERGY UPON THE PERFORMANCE OF NAVAL PERSONNEL. Frey, A. H. (Randomline Inc., Old York & Moreland Rd., Willow Grove, PA 19090).

Navy personnel are exposed, in many relatively closed spaces, to varying levels of electromagnetic radiation and/or ionized air which could affect individual performance. This work unit is concerened with the effects of exposure to radiofrequency energy and ionized air on neural activity and behavior. The effects of prolonged exposure to low power, modulated VHF energy on the physiology and behavior of mammals are being studied. The experiments employ a fluorescent dye technique as an indicator of brain barrier permeability and a behavioral measure which gives quantifiable data to relate to the physiological data. A comparison of the effects of natural light spectrum exposure and cool white spectrum exposure on physiology and emotionality also is underway. The work will determine whether such exposures affect physical performance and neuro-endocrine function. (7/75-6/76)

Supporting Agency:U.S. Dep. Def., Navy.

0020 NAVY ENVIRONMENT: X-RAY AND MICROWAVE RADIATION INTERACTION WITH MUSCLE CELLS; APPLICATION TO PROTECTION AND TREATMENT. Portela, A.; Perez, J. C. (Consejo Nac. de Inv. Cien. Tec, Junin 956, Buenos Aires, Argentina).

This research seeks to identify and characterize in cellular and subcellular structures the critical membrane systems, organelles, and biochemical mechanisms that are affected by the absorption of ionizing (X-rays) and nonionizing (microwaves) radiation likely to exist in the environment of naval personnel. Efforts will be made to develop specific agents to prevent or counteract side-effects of these radiations. This research will concentrate primarily on microwave irradiation. The area and nature of damage due to microwave fields at the cellular and subcellular level is being investigated *in vivo* and *in vitro*, using skeletal muscles of frogs and rats. Several parameters of cells and cell membranes such as water content, ion transport, conductance, protein-phospholipid structure and resistance and capacitance, will be analyzed for microwave induced changes. Electromagnetic emission from active nerve and muscle fibers will be spectrally analyzed to determine if this technique is able to detect changes due to nonionizing and ionizing radiation. (7/75-7/76)

Supporting Agency:U.S. Dep. Def., Navy.

0021 MECHANISMS OF NEUROENDOCRINE RESPONSE TO ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIANT ENERGY. Michaelson, S. M. (Univ. Rochester, Sch. Medicine & Dentistry, 601 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14642).

Neuroendocrine function provides a sensitive indicator of the body response to environmental insults. As representative of the neuroendocrine systems, the hypothalamic-hypophysial-end organ axis (HHEO) has been chosen for study. Because of the importance of this hierarchical system to the body's economy, perturbation at any link in the chain could have profound pathophysiologic consequences. Studies are being performed in the rat and dog to relate the sequential changes in hypothalamic and pituitary function to alterations in body metabolism or homeokinetic perturbations as a result of exposure to various regimens of X-rays, microwaves, or combinations of these two electromagnetic energies. Various periods in the lifespan of the rat from neonates to old age are being studied. Radioim-

munoassay techniques are utilized to measure fluctuations in pituitary hormones; to study homeostasis, impairment of physiologic capacity, and structural and functional integrity of the neuroendocrine system; to assess alteration in circadian rhythms, maturation, and pathophysiologic sequelae as a consequence of exposure to electromagnetic radiant energies. The influence of microwaves alone and together with X-rays in the therapy of cancer is also under investigation. Studies on head and neck X-irradiation of rats indicate that the processes leading to the appearance of pituitary and thyroid neoplasms are hormone dependent. In the head X-irradiated dog, thyrometabolic consequences are compatable with secondary hypothyroidism due to hypopituitarism and/or a hypothalamic lesion. Assay of adrenalcortical function in rats exposed to microwaves reveals a definite correlation between corticosterone and colonic temperature. This suggests nonspecific stress at certain power density/time relationships for microwave irradiation. (7/75-6/76)

Supporting Agency: ERDA

0022 VARIABLE FREQUENCY MICROWAVE EXPOSURE SYSTEM. McRee, D. I.; Walsh, P. J.; Mathews, P. (U.S. Dept. Health, Education & Welfare, Public Health Service, Natl. Inst. Health, Durham, NC 27709).

The purpose of this study is to develop a microwave exposure system that can provide a plane-wave type field and a variable frequency capability of 1-10 GHz. The system has been assembled and calibrated. The system generates a 90% uniform field over a 10 cm diameter circle with a power density capability range of 0-20 mW/cm^2. Small biological specimens can be exposed to variable frequencies in either a continuous wave or modulated wave mode. (7/75-7/76)

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0023 REGIONAL CNS UPTAKE OF AMINO ACIDS. Perez, V. J. (Texas Technological Univ., Sch. of Arts & Sciences, P.O. Box 4340, Lubbock, TX 79409).

The major objectives of this research are (1) to measure in infant and adult mice the smallest amount of glutamate (Glu) that accumulates in the arcuate nucleus of the hypothalamus (ARH) to produce neuronal necrosis, (2) to determine if there is a time in gestation when the brains of fetal mice are unaffected by Glu, (3) to ascertain why GABA, glutamine and alanine are not toxic in the central nervous system, (4) to determine if other toxic amino acids accumulate in the ARH as does Glu, and (5) to compare the effects on consummatory behavior of radiofrequency lesions and those produced by excitatory amino acids. Results will contribute to the understanding of placental barriers to amino acids and will provide a better understanding of central nervous system regional blood-brain-barriers to specific amino acids and how these change with age. Comparisons of rates of central nervous system uptake and maximal levels reached and time course of return to control levels will be made between Glu and Asp, both of which are neurotoxins. Data will be obtained to determine if nontoxic amino acids are accumulated in the ARH as is neurotoxic Glu. Results obtained from these studies of experimentally induced lesions will enable the evaluation of the importance of an intact neuronal and/or neuroglial system in maintaining function "regulated by" lesioned areas. Results from these experiments go beyond those in which tissue slices or whole brain are used because quantitative histochemical measurements will be made in histologically homogeneous brain areas. Long term goals of this research are to measure the metabolism of neurotoxic amino acids in the ARH and liver, to investigate how patterns of metabolism vary with age, and to study behavioral abnormalities, which may be produced by neurotoxic amino acids and localizing subcortical neuronal destruction. (9/75-8/76)

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0024 VESTIBULO-COCHLEAR EFFECTS OF UHF-MICROWAVE RADIATION. Lebovitz, R. M.; Seaman, R. (Univ. Texas, Sch. Medicine, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, TX 75230).

This research concerns the experimental examination of the neural activity in the vestibular system of animals subjected to acute, cranial microwave radiation. This work will proceed initially on mongrel cats and progress to monkeys as techniques are refined. With the animal immobilized in a stereotaxic frame, we apply microwave radiation to the cranium at an incident frequency of 918 MHz, using power densities in the range of 5-80 mW/cm^2. The relevant data include gross field and single cell electrical activity in the vestibular nerve and associated nuclei. Interspike intervals are analyzed by computer for average rate and interval statistics, and correlated with the microwave radiation. As a control, known but weak cranial acceleration is applied before and during microwave radiation exposure to classify the unit and field response pattern. Other controls include vestibular nerve section, intracranial temperature monitoring, and histological verification of electrode sites. Particular attention is paid to the suppression of microwave radiation induced field artifacts in electrodes and to the calibration of absorbed energy. A secondary aim of this work will be to examine similarly the effects of microwave radiation on unit activity in the auditory pathway. (5/76-4/77)

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0025 ULTRASTRUCTURAL STUDIES OF MICROWAVE CATARACTOGENESIS. Simon, D. R.; McKee, A. E. (U.S. Navy, Experimental Pathology Dept., Bethesda, MD 20014).

Microwave radiation (electromagnetic radiation, EMR) has been shown to be cataractogenic. Although some reports suggest that microwave cataracts are a consequence of elevated intraocular temperature associated with microwave radiation, the mechanism(s) of microwave cataractogenesis, earliest structural changes in the lens, and exposure thresholds remain controversial. Exposure of both military and civilian personnel to

microwave radiation (radar, microwave ovens, etc.) may, indeed, constitute a genuine health hazard. The objective of this research is to investigate the earliest ultrastructural changes in mammalian lenses following exposure to electromagnetic radiation, with special emphasis on defining the thermal effects. Microwave cataractogenesis will be studied using scanning and transmission electron microscopy and light microscopy. New Zealand red rabbits and owl monkeys will be used as experimental animals. (7/75-6/76)

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0026 GENETIC AND CELLULAR EFFECT OF MICROWAVE RADIATION. Dutta, S. K.; Nelson, W. H.; Blackman, C.; Brusick, D. (Howard Univ., Sch. Liberal Arts, 2400 6th St. N.W., Washington, DC 20001).

The proposed research will utilize a fast and highly sensitive series of genetic tests and simple tests to study cell morphological changes in order to evaluate the effects of low intensity microwave radiation. Since the nonthermal (< 1 mW/cm^2) effects of microwaves are difficult to distinguish from the thermal effects in large whole animal systems, the distinction will be studied using repair-deficient his-mutants of *Salmonella typhimurium* and D-4 strain of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. Two component heterokaryons and excision repair-deficient mutants of *Neurospora crassa* will be used to investigate chronic and delayed effects of continuous and pulsed microwaves in the environment. Work will then be extended to study alteration, if any, of repair process by microwave radiations using human fibroblast cultures. (7/75-6/76)

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0027 EFFECTS OF CHRONIC EXPOSURE TO HIGH PEAK POWER PULSED ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION ON ANIMALS. Ogrady, T. C.; Hosszu, J. (U.S. Navy, Surface Weapons Center, Dahlgren, VA 22448).

The objective of this study is to evaluate the long term effects of exposure to high peak power (HPP) pulsed electromagnetic radiation to develop information useful in safety factor analysis. It is intended to find some areas of interaction between the HPP radiation and the functioning biological systems in animals and to investigate these areas in further detail. The experimental approach involves the chronic (up to 10 months) exposure of laboratory animals, usually rodents, to HPP electromagnetic radiation. Three groups of approximately 100 animals each will be used as follows. Two groups of 100 animals each (70 experimental, 30 controls) will be exposed from day of birth to full maturity. At two months of age, 7 experimental and 3 controls will be sacrificed at 20 day intervals and analyzed. The third group of 100 (70 experimental, 30 controls) will be exposed from birth and then sacrificed from 1 day after birth to 2 months at 2 day intervals for the first 10 days and twice weekly intervals for the remaining time. After sacrifice, a variety of parameters will be investigated in each case including: clinical hematologies (hematocrit, platelet count, WBC, differential count), serum proteins, gross anatomy and activity of a series of glycolytic and gluconeogenic enzymes (phosphoglycerate kinase, phosphofructokinase, pyruvate kinase, and hexokinase) from liver, skeletal muscle and heart. This approach should identify specific areas for further, more detailed studies of *in vivo* and *in vitro* systems. (7/75-6/76)

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0028 LABORATORY AND FIELD EVALUATIONS OF HEAT ENERGY TO CONTROL STORED-PRODUCT INSECTS. Kirkpatrick, R. L. (U.S. Dept. Agriculture, Stored Products Insects Research & Development Lab., 3401 Edwin Ave., Savannah, GA 31405).

The objective of this project is to develop rapid, simple, and practical techniques in the laboratory and adapt these methods for field evaluations using temperature, including infrared and microwave radiation, to control stored-product insects infesting grain or other stored commodities. Research data obtained from these laboratory and field tests will be used to develop a practical and inexpensive commercial unit to control stored-product insects. The laboratory tests will determine the repellancy, attractancy, effect on life history, behavioral responses, and dosage-mortality relationship of stored-product insects exposed to infrared, microwave radiation and other types of heat energy. (7/75-6/76)

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0029 THE EFFECTS OF MICROWAVE RADIATION ON THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM. Albert, E. N. (George Washington Univ., Sch. Medicine, 1331 H St. N.W., Washington, DC 20037).

This research will investigate the existance of morphological alterations in animals exposed to microwave irradiation. Chinese hamsters will be irradiated with microwaves at 12.5 cm and power levels of 10, 25, and 50 mW/cm^2. Brain nuclei will be examined for radiation-induced changes using both light and electron microscopy. Special emphasis will be placed on the mitochondria, nucleolus, rough endoplasmic reticulum, golgi apparatus, and lysosomes. (7/75-6/76)

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0030 INVESTIGATION OF BIOMOLECULAR FUNCTIONS BY MICROWAVE RADIATION. Eisenbud, M., Rabinowitz, J. R. (New York Univ., Sch. Medicine, 550 First Ave., New York, NY 10016).

The objective of this research is to describe the mechanisms by which the absorption of microwave energy can interfere with the function of the absorbing biological molecule. An attempt will be made to demonstrate these mechanisms in biological systems and identify the specific biomolecules involved.