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SUBJECT: Minimum Urinalysis Testing Rates for Military Service Members

This memorandum provides clarification on the conduct of urinalysis testing for Military Service members as contained in Enclosure 3, of DoD Instruction 1010.01, "Military Personnel Drug Abuse Testing Program (MPDATP)".

It is the Department's policy that each Service member will be subject to random urinalysis testing with a statistical probability, on average, of at least one random urinalysis test per year. Currently, there is no exception to lower this testing rate.

Successful drug deterrence and detection relies on the unit's testing frequency and the individual member's testing rate in order to substantially raise the risk of detection above the individual's desire to abuse or misuse drugs. Commanders, at all levels, should conduct a minimum of five to six random testing events per month during which three to four percent of the organization's end strength is randomly selected at each collection event. Random drug testing does not preclude the ability to conduct additional command directed, probable cause, consent or voluntary urinalysis testing.

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