From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: ENVIRONMENTAL READINESS PROGRAM

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5090.8A
     (b) SECNAVINST 5090.6A
     (c) OPNAV M-5090.1, Environmental Readiness Program Manual

1. Purpose. To discuss requirements, delineate responsibilities, and issue implementing policy guidance for the management of the environmental, natural, and cultural resources for all Navy ships and shore activities, per references (a) and (b). This instruction is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 5090.1C.

3. Scope and Applicability
   a. This instruction and reference (c) discuss Federal environmental laws and regulations, executive orders, and Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of the Navy (DON) environmental policies applicable to Navy installations, organizations, and platforms. Shore command personnel shall be aware of and comply with the additional environmental requirements imposed by State and local governments.

   b. Overseas commands should consult the applicable DoD final governing standards (FGS), or the Overseas Environmental Baseline Guidance Document when host nation-specific FGS have not been developed.

   c. This instruction and reference (c) also address procedures by which ships will be made aware of the applicable State and local environmental requirements for U.S. ports in which they may be moored.
4. **Background.** The Navy is committed to operating successfully in a manner compatible with the environment while upholding its warfighting mission. The goal of the Navy’s Environmental Readiness Program is to ensure the U.S. Navy forces’ ability to effectively operate worldwide in an environmentally responsible manner, both afloat and ashore. Navy joint and combined operations and training must be planned and executed to fully meet operational readiness requirements and Navy environmental objectives. National defense and environmental protection are, and will continue to be, compatible goals. Achievement of these goals requires the leadership and personal commitment of all military and civilian personnel throughout the Navy chain of command.

5. **Implementation.** Reference (c) contains the Navy’s implementing policy guidance for environmental readiness. Reference (c) has been reorganized and revised to reflect changes in Federal environmental legislation and DoD and DON policy.

6. **Action**

   a. All afloat and ashore commands shall comply with the implementing policy guidance stated and established in this instruction and reference (c). The policies, procedures, and actions required are published without the necessity for further implementing instructions from the various commands and budget submitting offices, unless specifically directed otherwise. Organizations having significant environmental, natural, or cultural resources responsibilities may find it necessary to provide additional guidance and supplemental instructions specific to their local area.

   b. All Navy military and civilian personnel, installation tenants, and contractors working for the Navy shall comply with the applicable Federal, State, and local environmental laws and regulations, as well as the requirements of executive orders; Navy and DoD policies, regulations, and requirements; and, where applicable, DoD FGS.

   c. All commands shall integrate the requirements of this instruction and reference (c) into their operations.
7. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.

8. Forms and Reports Control. Forms and reports are listed in appendix F of reference (c).

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