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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (RESEARCH,
DEVELOPMENT & ACQUISITION)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (INSTALLATIONS &
ENVIRONMENT)

SUBJECT: Environmental Readiness in Navy Acquisition

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5000.2D of 16 October 2008
(b) Department of the Navy Environmental Policy
Memorandum 08-01: Mid-Frequency Active Sonar,
of 29 Aug 08

Encl: (1) CNA Study Environmental Readiness of
Newly Acquired Systems, May 2009
(2) Navy Range and Operating Area Environmental
Planning and Compliance Schedule
(3) OPNAV N45 ltr 5090 Ser N456/9U157938 of 4 Aug 09

1. This memorandum is provided per reference (a), which directs the Chief of Naval Operations to support ASN (RD&A) in developing/implementing acquisition environmental requirements. This memorandum is also provided to assist in executing the responsibilities assigned reference (b), which requires consideration of environmental requirements in sonar-related RDT&E activities and assurance that newly acquired sonar systems are environmentally ready for warfighter use before Initial Operational Capability (IOC).

2. At our request, the Center for Navy Analyses (CNA) recently completed enclosure (1). Enclosure (1) recommends process improvements for Secretariat and OPNAV offices, Program Executive Offices (PEOs), and Systems Commands (SYSCOMS). These recommended actions will help ensure that the warfighter can use newly acquired systems in full compliance with applicable environmental law upon initial operational capability (IOC). In the near future we will coordinate with cognizant Secretariat, PEO and SYSCOM offices to implement the recommended process improvements.

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3. Earlier this year, the Navy completed Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) and associated regulatory processes for the six major at-sea ranges and operating areas and similar efforts are ongoing for another eight areas. Enclosure (2) shows the areas. These efforts, collectively referred to as the Phase I effort, are scheduled for completion by the end of calendar year 2010 and will support the training and RDT&E activities in the areas for a five year period beginning with respective EIS completion date.

4. In coordination with ASN (I&E), the Fleets, and SYSCOM environmental offices, N45 is leading Navy planning for the second phase of environmental analyses and permitting for Navy activities at sea. This Phase II effort will cover renewals of the permits issued during Phase I and for Navy activities that take place at sea beyond the Phase I areas. Phase II will cover activities during the years 2014 - 2020. It is critical that all PEO RDT&E activities projected during this period be included in the Phase II environmental planning documents. It is equally important that the environmental effects of systems that will reach IOC during these years be included, so the warfighter will be able to use the systems in full compliance with environmental requirements upon delivery.

5. OPNAV N45 recently issued enclosure (3), Concept of Operations for Phase II environmental planning. A key element of the Phase II process will be SYSCOM information/data collection from their PEOs of the anticipated RDT&E activities at sea and anticipated systems deliveries to the warfighter, from 2014 - 2020. Request your support in ensuring the success of this data collection effort to enable the Phase II environmental planning documents to be as comprehensive as possible. Early and effective environmental planning will minimize not only total ownership costs of new systems but minimizes the risk of legal challenge to Navy training activities at sea.

6. My point of contact for this matter is Mr. John Quinn, OPNAV N45B, at 703-602-2551.



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