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IN REPLY REFER TO
BUMEDINST 6470.26
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BUMED INSTRUCTION 6470.26

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: NAVY MEDICINE RADIATION HEALTH PROGRAM OVERSIGHT

Ref: (a) NNPP and BUMED MOA of 3 Oct 17
(b) BUMEDINST 6470.21B
(c) NAVMED P-5055
(d) BUMEDINST 6470.10C

Encl: (1) BUMED Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program Audit Sites

1. Purpose. This instruction establishes roles and responsibilities regarding Navy Medicine (NAVMED) assisted audits of Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program (NNPP) activities. In addition, this instruction describes oversight functions of NAVMED activities in support of the NNPP.

2. Scope and Applicability. This instruction applies to all applicable budget submitting office 18 commands, units, personnel, and operational activities supporting the NNPP and having medical personnel under the authority, direction, and control of Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED).

3. Background. Per reference (a), NAVMED provides multiple functions to the NNPP, including direct medical support to Service members, trainees, and commands. Additionally, NAVMED provides direct medical support to NNPP nuclear capable shipyard workers and performs audits of the NNPP Radiation Health Program sites, per enclosure (1) in compliance with reference (a).

4. Roles and Responsibilities

a. Chief, BUMED will:

(1) Designate Head, Undersea Medicine (BUMED-N35), and Head, Radiation Health (BUMED-N35), as liaisons to NNPP.

(2) Ensure Head, Undersea Medicine, and Head, Radiation Health, will have access to Deputy Chief, BUMED, on all matters pertaining to NNPP.

b. BUMED-N35 will:

- (1) Be senior medical department officers in the grade of Captain.
- (2) In coordination with Naval Reactors, conduct annual audits of the Radiation Health Programs at naval nuclear propulsion sites, including nuclear-capable naval shipyards, Naval Reactors prototype or moored training ship sites, and Fleet maintenance activities. In addition, will conduct additional technical assist visits and assessments as deemed necessary by BUMED or NNPP leadership.
- (3) Inform the BUMED chain of command of all relevant audit outcomes after the audit is complete.
- (4) Provide an NNPP familiarization brief at every BUMED Prospective Commanding Officer and Prospective Executive Officer orientation class and during every BUMED Radiation Health Audit to the Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command (NAVMEDREADTRN-CMD) and Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit (NAVMEDREADTRNUNIT) command leadership team.
- (5) Develop policy and procedures regarding NNPP medical and radiation health matters. Codify and incorporate policy and procedure changes into the NAVMED P-5055, NAVMED Radiation Health Protection Manual.
- (6) Confer directly with and advise the Chief, BUMED, and all echelons of the NAVMED organization on all matters concerning the NNPP and the Naval Radiation Health Program. If conferring directly with echelon 4 and 5 commands, echelon 3 commands will be notified for information, coordination, and tracking.
- (7) Serve as points of contact and subject matter experts (SME) on medical matters and issues relating to radiation and radioactivity associated with naval nuclear propulsion plants. Changes to policies affecting these matters and issues will be provided to Naval Reactors for review prior to implementation.
- (8) Chair the BUMED Radiation Effects Advisory Board as specified in reference (b).
- (9) Be responsible for all inquiries to BUMED regarding radiation health and medical issues associated with naval nuclear propulsion plants. Provide a copy of the inquiry and proposed response to Naval Reactors for review prior to issue.
- (10) Provide SME support on all medical and technical aspects of radiation health to Chief, BUMED, and Director, NNPP.
- (11) Provide SME support on undersea medicine and radiation health issues to the Commander's Update Brief.

(12) Participate in the Navy Medicine Lessons Learned Program by submitting after-action reports and other relevant information to improve discovery and retention of best practices regarding undersea medicine and radiation health.

c. Commanders, Naval Medical Forces Atlantic and Naval Medical Forces Pacific will:

(1) Ensure adequate active duty staffing at NAVMEDREADTRNCMDs and NAVMEDREADTRNUNITs supporting NNPP sites. Ensure BUMED is informed of issues that affect or might affect maintaining adequate staffing and facilities that support NNPP field organizations. Serve as the primary point of contact for the regional manning process and provide oversight of budget submitting office 18 radiation health officer and radiation health technician billets.

(2) Liaise with BUMED-N35 regarding all aspects of NNPP support, and meet on a periodic basis to review NNPP support, to compare trends, and to discuss policy interpretation and new initiatives.

(3) Provide oversight of readiness of lower echelons for BUMED radiation health audits.

(4) Monitor trends of performance during BUMED radiation health audits.

(5) Provide assistance, as necessary, for compliance with auditable items in support of NNPP.

(6) Provide guidance and oversight to training programs associated with the NNPP to include contaminated injured person programs and radiation health programs.

(7) Ensure the memorandums of agreement between medical sites and NNPP activities are reviewed and are in compliance with reference (a).

d. NAVMEDREADTRNCMDs and NAVMEDREADTRNUNITs will:

(1) Maintain a radiation health program, per reference (c) and medical type command policy.

(2) Establish and maintain current memorandums of agreements with NNPP sites and local medical assets, as applicable.

(3) Be available for audit as determined by BUMED-N35, per references (a), (c), and (d).

(4) Submit reports of corrective actions to Head, Undersea Medicine and Head, Radiation Health (BUMED-N35) with copy to Commander, Naval Forces Medical Atlantic, or Commander, Naval Medical Forces Pacific, as applicable.

5. Action. BUMED-N35 will conduct audits of NAVMEDREADTRNCMD and NAVMED-READTRNUNIT sites and supporting NNPP sites, per enclosure (1). A written report will be sent to the audited command upon completion. The audit will consist of, at a minimum, components listed in subparagraphs 5a through 5m:

- a. Provide in briefs and out briefs with all heads of activities or their designee.
- b. Review internal and external audits of the Radiation Health Program, corrective actions and assessments of corrective actions, and reports of contaminated injured person drills performed since the last BUMED audit.
- c. Observe medical support and personnel decontamination during a contaminated injured person drill coordinated between the local emergency medical system and associated medical treatment facilities, as applicable.
- d. Review 200 medical records, or all records if less than 200, and associated documentation of occupational radiation exposure including the most recent completed annual report and the current year's situational reports, along with a transfer log for the previous and current calendar year, if applicable.
- e. Evaluate dosimetry processing, calibration, and maintenance procedures and records. This includes observed surveillance of a qualified dosimetry technician processing dosimetry with at least one anomaly inserted into the observed dosimetry processing surveillance.
- f. Review training and qualifications of radiation health program administrators, medical support personnel, health physicists, and emergency medical responders.
- g. Review agreements between the NNPP site, military medical treatment facilities, and local civilian medical treatment facilities, as applicable, for providing radiation health support and emergency medical services.
- h. Evaluate the quality of Radiation Effects Advisory Board packages.
- i. Evaluate medical management of declared pregnant radiation workers.
- j. Evaluate the working relationship between applicable parties related to the radiation health program.
- k. Evaluate the management of the radiation worker medical records and inventory control.
- l. Evaluate dose investigation reports completed since the previous audits from BUMED.
- m. Present the NNPP Familiarization Brief, per subparagraph 4b(3).

6. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the DON Directorate for Administration, Logistics, and Operations, Directives and Records Management Division portal page at <https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the DON Directorate for Administration, Logistics, and Operations, Directives and Records Management Division program office.

7. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, Operations (BUMED-N3) will review this instruction annually around the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense (DoD), Secretary of the Navy, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 10 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim, and will be reissued by the 10-year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in OPNAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the need for cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.

8. Control Unclassified Information (CUI). All collection, use, maintenance, or dissemination of personally identifiable information (PII) and protected health information must follow the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a) and implemented per SECNAVINST 5211.5F and DoD Manual 6025.18. All other categories of CUI are subject to the requirements implemented in DoD Instruction 5200.48. Any misuse or unauthorized disclosure of PII may result in both civil and criminal penalties. The DON recognizes that the privacy of an individual is a personal and fundamental right that must be respected and protected. The DON's need to collect, use, maintain, or disseminate PII about individuals for purposes of discharging its statutory responsibilities must be balanced against the individuals' right to be protected against unwarranted invasion of privacy.

9. Information Management Control. Reports required in subparagraphs 4b(12), 4d(4), 5d, and 5l of this instruction are exempt from reports control per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5214.1 of December 2005, part IV, subparagraph 7k.



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BUMED NAVAL NUCLEAR PROPULSION PROGRAM AUDIT SITES

1. Medical Facility: Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center
North Chicago, IL
Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Great Lakes

2. NNPP Site: Naval Dosimetry Center
Bethesda, MD
Officer in Charge, Naval Dosimetry Center

3. NNPP Site: Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Kittery, ME
Commander, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

Support Medical Facility: Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit Portsmouth
Portsmouth, NH
Officer in Charge, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit Portsmouth

Main Medical Facility: Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command New England
Newport, RI
Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command New England

4. NNPP Site: Nuclear Power Training Unit
Ballston Spa, NY
Commanding Officer, Nuclear Power Training Unit, Ballston Spa

Support Medical Facility: Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command
Detachment Saratoga Springs
Saratoga Springs, NY
Officer in Charge, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Detachment Saratoga
Springs

Main Medical Facility: Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command New England
Newport, RI
Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command New England

5. NNPP Site: Nuclear Power Training Unit
Charleston, SC
Commanding Officer, Nuclear Power Training Unit, Charleston

Main Medical Facility: Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Charleston
Goose Creek, SC
Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Charleston

6. NNPP Site: Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY)
Portsmouth, VA
Commander, Norfolk Naval Shipyard

Support Medical Facility: Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit NNSY
Portsmouth, VA
Officer in Charge, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit NNSY

Main Medical Facility: Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Portsmouth
Portsmouth, VA
Commander, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Portsmouth
7. NNPP Site: Nuclear Regional Maintenance Department Kings Bay
Kings Bay, GA
Commander, Norfolk Naval Shipyard

Support Medical Facility: Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit Kings Bay
Kings Bay, GA
Officer in Charge, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit Kings Bay

Main Medical Facility: Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Jacksonville
Jacksonville, FL
Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Jacksonville
8. NNPP Site: Nuclear Regional Maintenance Department New London
New London, CT
Commander, Regional Support Group

Support Medical Facility: Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit Groton
Groton, CT
Officer in Charge, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit Groton

Main Medical Facility: Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command New England
Newport, RI
Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command New England
9. NNPP Site: Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility
Bremerton, WA
Commander, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility

Support Medical Facility: Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Bremerton
Detachment Puget Sound Naval Shipyard
Bremerton, WA
Officer in Charge, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Bremerton
Detachment Puget Sound Naval Shipyard

Main Medical Facility: Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Bremerton
Bremerton, WA
Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Bremerton

10. NNPP Site: Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility
Detachment San Diego
San Diego, CA
Commander, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility

Support Medical Facility: Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit North Island
San Diego, CA
Officer in Charge, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Unit North Island

Main Medical Facility: Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command San Diego
San Diego, CA
Commander, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command San Diego

11. NNPP Site: Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility
Detachment Yokosuka
Yokosuka, Japan
Commander, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility

Main Medical Facility: U.S. Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Yokosuka
Yokosuka, Japan
Commanding Officer, U.S. Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Yokosuka

12. NNPP Site: Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility
Pearl Harbor, HI
Commander, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility

Main Medical Facility: Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Pearl Harbor
Pearl Harbor, HI
Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Pearl Harbor

13. NNPP Site: USS EMORY S. LAND (AS 39)
Naval Base Guam
Commanding Officer, USS EMORY S. LAND (AS 39)

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Main Medical Facility: U.S. Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Guam
Agana Heights, Guam
Commanding Officer, U.S. Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Guam

14. NNPP Site: USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40)
Naval Base Guam
Commanding Officer, USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40)

Main Medical Facility: U.S. Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Guam
Agana Heights, Guam
Commanding Officer, U.S. Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Guam