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REFER TO:

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COMSC NOTICE 5090

Subj: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AFLOAT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COORDINATOR ABOARD MSC PUBLIC VESSELS OPERATED BY CIVILIAN MARINERS OR CONTRACTORS

Ref: (a) COMSCINST 5090.1B
(b) OPNAVINST 5090.1B CH-2

1. Purpose. To implement a policy change to reference (a) and establish the position of the Afloat Environmental Protection Coordinator (AEPC) aboard public vessels which are operated for the Government by Civil Service Mariners (CIVMARs) or Government contractors and provide guidance in the implementation of this policy.

2. Authority

a. Reference (a) mandates the establishment of the AEPC position aboard MSC public vessels operated by CIVMARs or Government contractors and directs that the AEPC be an advisor to the Master on environmental issues.

b. Reference (b) directs Commander, Military Sealift Command (COMSC) to set the training requirements of the AEPC.

3. Applicability

a. On CIVMAR manned ships, the Second Mate will be assigned as the ship's AEPC.

b. On contractor-operated MSC public vessels, the respective operating companies shall designate an AEPC aboard each ship they operate.

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4. Responsibilities

a. Onboard CIVMAR and contractor-operated MSC public vessels:

(1) The ship's Master has the responsibility for ensuring that references (a) and (b) are implemented aboard their ship.

(2) The ship's AEPC shall:

(a) Serve as an advisor to the ship's Master on shipboard environmental programs and other environmental related matters.

(b) Assist in the management of the shipboard Environmental Protection Program in accordance with reference (a).

(c) Maintain the ship's environmental instructions, manuals and guides as specified by COMSC (N00EP) and in accordance with reference (a).

(d) Assist the ship's department heads in meeting the requirements of references (a) and (b).

b. Director, Afloat Personnel Management Center (APMC) shall, for CIVMAR manned ships:

(1) Ensure that each ship has a mariner with the requisite knowledge assigned as the ship's AEPC.

(2) Discharge applicable bargaining obligations.

c. MSC public vessel operating contractors shall ensure that each ship has a mariner with the requisite knowledge assigned as the ship's AEPC.

d. Vessels under time or voyage charter to MSC shall ensure that their ships are in compliance with the appropriate environmental provisions of existing contracts and all other applicable environmental laws and regulations.

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5. Cancellation Contingency. This change will remain effective until incorporated into the next update of reference (a).

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