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Subj: NAVY NUCLEAR DETERRENCE MISSION RESPONSIBILITIES AND
AUTHORITIES

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 8120.1B
(b) SECNAVINST S8126.1A (NOTAL)
(c) CJCSI 3263.05C (NOTAL)
(d) DoD Instruction 3150.10 of 2 July 2010
(e) CJCSI 3150.04B (FOUO) (NOTAL)
(f) SECNAVINST 5510.35C
(g) DoD Directive 3150.08 of 20 January 2010

Encl: (1) Components of the Navy Nuclear Deterrence Mission

1. Purpose. To assign responsibilities and establish supported and supporting relationships among Navy organizations that support the Navy nuclear deterrence mission (NNDM), including assignment of a single flag officer with responsibility to conduct end-to-end assessments of the Navy's current and projected integrated ability to execute the NNDM.

a. This revision adds four additional echelon 2 commands as NNDM component commands (Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (COMSPAWARSSYSCOM); Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (COMNAVFACENGCOM); Commander, Naval Air Systems Command (COMNAVAIRSSYSCOM); and Commander, Naval Education and Training Command (CNETC)) and provides clarification on the authorities and responsibilities of the echelon 1 and 2 commands currently assigned authorities and responsibilities for the NNDM.

b. This instruction is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 8120.1.

3. Applicability. This instruction is applicable to all Navy commands that have nuclear weapons (NW) capability under their cognizance or are assigned responsibility for supporting the NNDM, including responsibility for operations, manning, training, life cycle support, development, or acquisition for NW, NW systems, or nuclear command, control, and communications (NC3) (NW, NW systems, and NC3 systems, henceforth termed "NNDM

systems”), per reference (a). Nuclear command and control and employment planning authorities and responsibilities remain as previously delegated to operational commanders.

4. Discussion

a. The Navy has assembled a complex system of systems architecture to execute the NNDM, a unique and critical component of national security. Many Navy and external organizations comprise the NNDM. Mission accomplishment depends on the successful integration and proper operation of all NNDM systems and supporting activities.

b. Reference (a) delineates Department of the Navy (DON) policy, assigns overarching responsibilities for execution and assessment of the NNDM, and further assigns authorities for NNDM systems.

c. The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) is responsible for overseeing the safety, security, reliability, and effectiveness of NNDM systems. CNO is further responsible for assigning responsibilities and establishing supported and supporting relationships among subordinate Navy commands that operate or support NNDM systems.

d. The Director, Strategic Systems Programs (DIRSSP) is responsible for providing direction and guidance on the safety and security of Navy NW and NW systems and, as the NNDM regulatory lead, is responsible to the CNO for monitoring and assessing the Navy’s broader nuclear deterrence mission.

5. Policy. All Navy commands and organizations to whom this instruction applies must afford special consideration to the NW and NW systems they oversee, operate, support, or protect because of their political and military importance, destructive power, and the consequences of an incident or unauthorized act.

6. Responsibilities and Authorities

a. Vice Chief of Naval Operations (VCNO). VCNO will review and approve the annual NW security deviation report. Upon approval, the VCNO accepts the security risks to DON NW, per reference (b).

b. Director, Navy Staff (DNS). DNS is the single Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) flag officer responsible for coordinating OPNAV responsibilities for NNDM activities. DNS must ensure that the biennial Navy nuclear weapons assessment (NNWA) required by reference (a) evaluates the adequacy of the end-to-end assessment processes established by the NNDM regulatory lead. DNS must chair and be supported in assigned responsibilities by the Navy Nuclear Deterrence Mission Oversight Council (NNDMOC), per reference (a).

c. Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education (CNO (N1)). CNO (N1) is the echelon 1 supported flag officer for community management, assignment, professional education, and training of personnel supporting DON NNDM systems and is responsible for approval of personnel policy (other than personnel reliability program (PRP)), requirements, and resource sponsorship supportive of the NNDM. CNO (N1) must execute community management of NW and NW systems personnel through a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between CNO (N1) and DIRSSP.

d. Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans, and Strategy (CNO (N3/N5)). CNO (N3/N5) is the echelon 1 supported flag officer responsible to plan, monitor, coordinate and advise CNO on NNDM global employment, operational strategy, policy, and plans; international politico-military matters; and the operational status of NNDM forces. CNO (N3/N5) coordinates Navy NW operational policy issues with Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD); combatant commanders; Joint Staff; DIRSSP; Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command (COMUSFLTFORCOM); and Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT), as well as other Department of Defense (DoD) and Government agencies.

(1) Provide the Navy voting representative to the Nuclear Weapons Council Standing and Safety Committee under the Title 10, U.S. Code, mandated Nuclear Weapons Council;

(2) Establish operational employment, and strategic force structure strategy and policy;

(3) Establish the CNO's strategic priorities for the development of resource allocation plans for NNDM systems.

(4) Participate in executing direction of the Secretary of Defense (SecDef), Joint Staff, or National Military Command Center during actual or exercise NW incident events.

e. Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics (CNO (N4)). CNO (N4) is the echelon 1 supported flag officer responsible for validating requirements for military construction (MILCON); facilities sustainment, restoration, and maintenance; and base operating services requirements for NNDM facilities and the NW radiation control (RADCON) program.

(1) Assess Navy NW RADCON policy consistent with DoD and Joint Staff guidance.

(2) Assess and resource NNDM requirements for MILCON; facilities sustainment, restoration, and maintenance; and base operating services and supply support.

f. Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare (CNO (N2N6)). CNO (N2N6) is the echelon 1 supported flag officer responsible for validating requirements for systems in the Navy NC3 architecture. As the primary resource sponsor of Navy NC3 systems and principal member of the Navy NC3 Executive Steering Committee, CNO (N2N6) is instrumental in the overall operation, sustainment, and requirements implementation of the Navy

NC3 architecture; as well as supporting the Navy NC3 Executive Steering Committee decisions regarding Navywide NC3 operations, policy, training, materiel, and other readiness issues.

g. Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources (CNO (N8)). CNO (N8) is the echelon 1 supported flag officer for allocation of resources for NNDM systems and must ensure the integration of programming, budgeting, and assessments within OPNAV and the management echelons subordinate to CNO.

h. Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Systems (CNO (N9)). CNO (N9) is the echelon 1 supported flag officer for program planning, program information, and integration of programming of warfighting requirements for NNDM systems. Additionally, CNO (N9) is the echelon 1 supported flag officer for DON NW and NW systems for safety, security, technical inspections, and NW incident response.

(1) Coordinate and approve DON NW and NW systems policy for safety, security, NW incident response, and NW inspections consistent with DoD and Joint Staff guidance.

(2) Appoint the chair for the DON NW Systems Safety Group for NW and NW systems operational safety reviews and safety studies.

(3) Assess and resource requirements for NNDM systems, platform operations, facility operations, and manpower, including requirements for safety, security, and NW incident response for DON NW and NW systems.

(4) Participate in executing direction of SecDef, Joint Staff, or National Military Command Center during actual or exercise NW incident events.

(5) Act as the CNO designated strategic weapons facility (SWF) deviation approval authority for NW security deviations for shore installations.

(6) Provide the Navy representative to the Nuclear Weapons Accident Incident Response Subcommittee.

(7) Provide the Navy representative to the OSD Security Policy Verification Committee.

i. Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED). BUMED is the echelon 2 supporting flag officer to the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy for Policy (DUSN (P)) for DON NW PRP policy and to DIRSSP for providing technical guidance and assistance for DON radiation health matters by MOU. BUMED is responsible for assigning medical personnel to the operating forces of the Navy and Marine Corps, providing sufficient resources to support the DON PRP and overseeing PRP functions of the medical community.

j. Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command (COMNAVSEASYSKOM).
COMNAVSEASYSKOM is the echelon 2 supporting flag officer to:

(1) CNO (N4) and CNO (N9), responsible for coordination of shipbuilding, conversion, and repair in support of the NNDM;

(2) COMUSFLTFORCOM and COMPACFLT to provide material support for ships, shipboard combat systems and components, and other surface and undersea warfare and weapons systems that support the NNDM (not including systems specifically assigned to other system commands); and

(3) DIRSSP to provide technical guidance and assistance for NW RADCON through an MOU.

k. Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command (COMNAVSUPSYSKOM).
COMNAVSUPSYSKOM is the echelon 2 supporting flag officer to CNO (N4) and is responsible (with COMNAVSEASYSKOM, COMNAVVAIRSYSKOM, and COMSPAWARSYSKOM) to provide for the material support needs of the NNDM.

(1) Provide spare and repair parts, assigned supplies, and supply support services to DIRSSP and the operating forces of the NNDM.

(2) Coordinate NNDM systems life cycle support and other NNDM requirements and efforts with other DoD components for COMNAVSUPSYSKOM managed material.

l. Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC). CNIC is the echelon 2 supporting flag officer, advocate, and point of contact for Navy installations. CNIC duties include to provide consistent, effective, and efficient shore installation services and support to sustain and improve current and future fleet readiness and mission execution; to provide unified and consistent practices and procedures, standards of service, and funding to manage and oversee shore installation support; execute delivery of installation services through Navy regions and installations; and to coordinate policy, planning, budgeting, execution, and reporting for all regions and shore installations in support of the NNDM. Additionally, CNIC is the echelon 2 supporting flag officer to:

(1) CNO (N4), CNO (N9), COMUSFLTFORCOM, COMPACFLT, DIRSSP, COMSPAWARSYSKOM, and COMNAVSEASYSKOM for Navy installations, base operations support, facility sustainment, MILCON, security, and NW incident response in support of the NNDM; and

(2) COMUSFLTFORCOM for certification of Navy response task forces (RTF).

m. COMUSFLTFORCOM and COMPACFLT. COMUSFLTFORCOM and COMPACFLT are collectively responsible to organize, man, train, and equip Navy forces to support CNO and Commander, United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) requirements for the NNDM.

(1) COMUSFLTFORCOM and COMPACFLT are the echelon 2 supported commanders responsible for:

(a) providing combat-ready fleet ballistic-missile submarines (nuclear propulsion) (SSBN) to meet USSTRATCOM requirements, including assigned Navy NC3 capabilities (e.g., broadcast control authorities or surface ships), supported by DIRSSP; COMNAVSEASYSYSCOM; COMSPAWARYSYSCOM; Commander, U.S. Fleet Cyber Command (COMUSFLTTCYBERCOM); COMNAVSUPSYSYSCOM; COMNAVFACECOM; CNIC; Chief of Naval Personnel (CHNAVPERS); CNETC; and BUMED in the applicable NNDM functional areas;

(b) the safe, secure, reliable, and effective technical operation and maintenance of fielded NNDM systems under their cognizance;

(c) coordination with CNO (N9), DIRSSP, and other Services and agencies for NW incident policy implementation and oversight for Atlantic and Pacific Fleet SSBNs, respectively; and

(d) implementation of fleet NW security policies, and command and control of activities supporting NW security in their respective areas of responsibility.

1. Coordinate with Commander, USSTRATCOM; the responsible geographic combatant commander; Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; Commander, Military Sealift Command; and DIRSSP for support of this mission, as applicable.

2. In support of fleet NW security policies, COMUSFLTFORCOM and COMPACFLT must:

a. develop supplemental policy as needed per reference (b); and

b. review and approve afloat NW security deviations per reference (b).

(2) COMUSFLTFORCOM is designated the Service certification authority and Service inspection authority for all afloat Navy nuclear weapons technical inspections (NWTI) within the Atlantic Fleet. COMPACFLT is designated the Service certification authority and Service inspection authority for all afloat Navy NWTIs within the Pacific Fleet. Reference (c) defines the Service certifying authority as that entity designated by the Service to certify a unit as nuclear capable. These authorities must not be delegated. As the Service certification and inspection authority, COMUSFLTFORCOM and COMPACFLT must:

- (a) designate NWTI chief inspectors from their respective areas, per reference (c);
 - (b) assign a chief inspector for each NWTI under their cognizance;
 - (c) assign qualified inspectors for all NWTIs under their cognizance;
 - (d) certify, recertify, or decertify NW capable units to execute NW functions safely, securely, and reliably, per reference (c) and Navy directives;
 - (e) schedule and execute all NWTIs under their cognizance, per reference (c) and Navy directives; and
 - (f) advise CNO (N9) and DIRSSP on trends and issues of compliance with established DON and DoD NW and NW systems safety, security, NW incident response, reliability, and personnel policy based on results of NWTIs.
- n. COMUSFLTFORCOM. In addition to the responsibilities in subparagraph 6m:
- (1) COMUSFLTFORCOM is the echelon 2 supported commander responsible for:
 - (a) providing combat-ready information warfare forces to meet NNDM requirements, supported by COMUSFLTCYBERCOM, COMSPAWARSSYSCOM, COMNAVSUPSSYSCOM, COMNAVFACENCOM, CNIC, CHNAVPERS, CNETC, and BUMED in the applicable NNDM functional areas;
 - (b) coordination with CNO (N9), COMPACFLT, DIRSSP and other Services and agencies for NW incident policy implementation and oversight for the Navy RTF commanders; and
 - (c) developing and coordinating DON NW incident response operational plans and procedures with CNO (N9), COMPACFLT, DIRSSP and other Services.
 - (2) COMUSFLTFORCOM is the certifying authority for continental Navy RTFs, per reference (d).
 - (a) COMUSFLTFORCOM is the supported commander for evaluating the readiness of the Navy RTFs to execute their mission. This authority must not be delegated.
 - (b) COMUSFLTFORCOM must designate the Navy RTF commander(s). Designation may be by letter or instruction.
- o. COMPACFLT. In addition to the responsibilities in subparagraph 6m, COMPACFLT is the echelon 2 supported commander responsible for providing combat-ready E-6B Mercury

aircraft and enduring E-6B force generation capability to meet USSTRATCOM NC3 requirements, supported by COMUSFLTCYBERCOM, COMNAVAIRSYSCOM, COMSPAWARSSYSCOM, COMNAVSUPSYSCOM, COMNAVFAENGCOM, CNIC, CHNAVPER, CNETC, and BUMED in the applicable NNDM functional areas.

p. COMFLTCYBERCOM. COMFLTCYBERCOM serves as the supporting commander to CNO (N2N6) for assigned Navy NC3 capabilities, supporting the NNDM. COMUSFLTCYBERCOM is also the communications authority for the nova terrestrial emergency action message dissemination backbone system, supporting nuclear force management and force direction. For systems under COMFLTCYBERCOM cognizance, COMFLTCYBERCOM is the echelon 2 responsible to: provide, direct, and oversee the operations of Navy telecommunications, radio frequency, piers, high frequency global communications systems, ballistic missile defense, base communications, messaging, and telephony.

q. COMSPAWARSSYSCOM. COMSPAWARSSYSCOM is the echelon 2 supporting flag officer to CNO (N2N6) and CNO (N9) responsible for delivering information warfare capabilities in support of the NNDM.

(1) Serve as the Navy NC3 chief engineer. The Navy NC3 chief engineer is the single technical authority responsible for the Navy NC3 system of systems architecture oversight of end-to-end Navy NC3 systems engineering and cybersecurity engineering, in support of assessment and accreditation as well as integration and test processes.

(2) Coordinate with the operating forces, systems commands, other Navy partners, and external partners (including the Air Force NC3 weapons system and Defense Information Systems Agency) supporting the NNDM, to deliver necessary information warfare capabilities.

(3) Support affiliated program executive officers (PEO) management of life cycle cost, performance, and schedule for assigned NNDM programs.

(4) Provide in-Service support for affiliated PEO NNDM programs as necessary.

r. COMNAVAIRSYSCOM. COMNAVAIRSYSCOM is the echelon 2 supporting flag officer to CNO (N4) and CNO (N9), for planning, formulation, and coordination of policy and requirements for aviation fleet maintenance of naval aircraft supporting the NNDM.

(1) Act as lead systems command for aircraft maintenance and material management; joint depot maintenance analysis group; and maintenance inter-Service support for aircraft supporting the NNDM.

(2) Provide technical and other support services, including comptroller and contracting support to PEO for Air Antisubmarine Warfare, Assault and Special Missions Program (PEO (A)) for aircraft supporting the NNDM.

(3) Responsible for independent engineering assessments and flight clearance release authority for airborne weapons systems to ensure air vehicles can be operated safely within defined limits.

s. CNETC. CNETC is the echelon 2 supporting flag officer to CNO (N1). CNETC serves as the training agent for military personnel executing and supporting the NNDM training within the NETC domain and learning centers.

t. COMNAVFACENGCOM. COMNAVFACENGCOM is the shore facilities systems command with Navy acquisition executive and head of contracting agency authority for facility planning, design, construction, services, utilities, facilities maintenance (public works), environment, and real estate.

(1) Support the NNDM by managing DON shore facilities life-cycle.

(2) The echelon 2 supporting flag officer to CNO (N4) and CNIC, and other facility budget submitting offices, and serves as technical and contracting authority for facility engineering, planning, design, and construction; capital improvements; facility maintenance and services; shore environmental programs; public works; antiterrorism/force protection; and shore activity weight handling programs in support of the NNDM.

(3) Support DIRSSP in the certification process for shore-based NW facilities and designated NW support equipment.

u. CHNAVPERS. CHNAVPERS is the echelon 2 additional duty assigned to CNO (N1) and is responsible for managing the planning and programming of manpower and personnel resources for military personnel to meet NNDM requirements. CHNAVPERS plans and directs the procurement, distribution, administration, and career motivation of the NNDM component military personnel.

v. DIRSSP. Per reference (a), DIRSSP is the program manager and technical authority for technical operations, safety, security, and maintenance of DON NW and NW systems. DIRSSP is the echelon 2 supporting flag officer to CNO (N1), CNO (N3/N5), CNO (N4), CNO (N9), COMUSFLTFORCOM, and COMPACFLT for developing and coordinating policies associated with safety; security; supply support; NW RADCON and radiation health; personnel training and capabilities; and the NW incident response for DON NW and NW systems. DIRSSP is the echelon 2 supported flag officer for developing, coordinating, and implementing policies associated with conducting continuous end-to-end assessments of the NNDM. Additional DIRSSP responsibilities and authorities are specified in subparagraphs 6v(1) through 6v(12).

(1) Program manager and technical authority for DON NW and NW systems safety.

(a) Serve as the Navy's primary observer for the Title 10, U.S. Code, mandated Nuclear Weapons Council.

(b) Develop proposed DON NW safety rules for submission to OSD via CNO (N9).

(c) Nominate to CNO (N9), a qualified individual for assignment as DON NW Systems Safety Group chair.

(d) Serve as secretary for the DON NW Systems Safety Group for operational safety reviews and safety studies.

(e) Provide direction and guidance on NW safety to Navy NW capable units and verify implementation.

(f) Serve as the executive secretary for the NNDMOC.

(g) Conduct liaison in formal coordination with CNO (N9), COMUSFLTFORCOM, COMPACFLT, and other Services and agencies for DON NW incident policy development matters; policy guidance; and procedures for the DON NW incident response plans. Plans developed will ensure compliance with: technical authority, SWF and Navy RTF operating requirements, and guidance of CNO (N3/N5), CNO (N4), CNO (N9), COMUSFLTFORCOM, and COMPACFLT, and will, as appropriate, incorporate other DON commands and organizations with special capabilities needed to properly respond to an NW incident into DON NW incident response plans.

(h) Serve as the supporting flag officer to COMUSFLTFORCOM for NW incident policy implementation and oversight on SSBNs and as the supporting flag officer for certification of all Navy RTFs.

(i) Develop procedures incorporating CNIC, SWFs, Navy RTFs, and other DON commands and organizations, as required, with special NW incident response capabilities for certification of the Navy RTFs based on guidance from CNO and COMUSFLTFORCOM.

(2) Program manager and technical authority, per reference (b) for DON NW and NW systems security.

(a) Provide direction and guidance on NW and NW systems security to Navy NW capable facilities and units, and verify implementation.

(b) Analyze vulnerabilities and security risks to DON NW and NW systems, and assist the commanders ashore and afloat that have custody of DON NW in the conduct of their localized threat capabilities assessments and vulnerability assessments.

(c) Develop and submit programmatic requirements for NW and NW systems security to cognizant resource sponsors.

(d) Conduct liaison in formal coordination with CNO (N9) and other Services and agencies for DON NW security policy development matters.

(e) Review, evaluate, and endorse NW security deviations and the annual NW security deviation report, per reference (b).

(3) Echelon 2 supported flag officer and program manager responsible for NW RADCON and radiation health associated with stowage, maintenance, or handling of DON NW ashore and afloat.

(a) Develop and approve policy for control of radiation and radioactivity associated with stowage, maintenance, or handling of DON NW.

(b) Establish requirements associated with NW RADCON and radiation health in coordination with BUMED and COMNAVSEASYSKOM.

(c) Enforce NW RADCON standards and regulations to protect the environment and safety and health of workers, operators, and the general public.

(4) Echelon 2 supported flag officer and technical manager responsible for NW development, refurbishment, and in-Service support of DON NW.

(a) Develop, coordinate, and maintain technical policy and requirements for integration of NW with DON delivery systems.

(b) Develop, coordinate, and maintain requirements documents that specify operational characteristics and environments for each warhead type.

(c) Chair the joint DON and National Nuclear Security Agency weapons project officers group for each NW type, and support the Joint DoD and Department of Energy acquisition phase process for NW.

(d) Coordinate within the DON and with the DoD, Department of Energy, and National Nuclear Security Agency for in-Service support and sustainment of NW in the Navy's custody.

(e) Develop, coordinate, and maintain follow-on test & evaluation programs to ensure that NW in DON custody remain safe, secure, reliable, and operationally effective.

(f) Serve as the Service logistic agent, account for individual warheads in DON custody, coordinate transfers of NW, and fully support maintenance and logistic requirements per reference (e).

(g) Develop, coordinate, and maintain requirements for the management and control of all DON NW related material.

(5) Echelon 2 supporting flag officer to DUSN (P) for DON NW PRP policy development.

(a) Responsible for oversight of DON NW PRP execution and day-to-day policy implementation per reference (f).

(b) Provide PRP policy clarification and interpretation to DON end users.

(c) Directly liaison with other Services and DoD agencies on PRP policy clarification and interpretation.

(d) Technical advisor, on behalf of Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV), for PRP policy development matters both within the DON and with other Services, agencies, and OSD. Formal coordination authority external to the DON is retained by SECNAV.

(e) Responsible for formal coordination with CNO (N1) and Headquarters Marine Corps on military personnel action associated with DON PRP implementation.

(6) Echelon 2 supporting flag officer to CNO (N1) for program wide management of DON NW and NW systems personnel.

(a) Execute NW and NW systems community management of personnel through an MOU between CNO (N1) and DIRSSP.

(b) Serve as subject matter expert for NW subspecialty codes, additional qualification designator(s), and Navy enlisted classifications.

(c) Establish training requirements, and provide technical oversight of training and education programs and supporting curricula for DON NW career fields and NW system related duties.

(d) Serve as training systems program manager, training support agent, and training agent for DON NW career fields and NW system related duties, NW surety related duties, submarine ordnance limited duty officer career field, and DON NW security forces.

(7) Provide independent regulatory-quality oversight of NW activities executed ashore and afloat.

(a) Provide the technical oversight for NW and NW systems ashore and afloat to ensure operations and maintenance activities are conducted by qualified personnel and per approved procedures and inform the responsible commander where deficiencies or recommended improvements are identified.

(b) Provide the technical authority for NW incident response to ensure that initial emergency response forces, based on installation-specific capabilities, missions, and DON requirements, are capable of dealing with the effects of a radiological accident on-site and that preparations and relationships with local civil authorities are adequate to protect life, property, and environment during the initial response phase of a nuclear accident, per reference (g).

(c) Establish, supervise, and maintain field offices at Naval Base Kitsap, Washington, and Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia, to conduct day-to-day monitoring and standards enforcement of NW activities at the SWFs and aboard SSBNs in port.

(d) Establish and maintain monitoring procedures and criteria, review corrective actions, assess processes, and identify and analyze trends.

(8) Echelon 2 supporting flag officer to afloat Service certification authorities in the conduct of NWTIs.

(a) Develop and implement direction and guidance for the conduct of DON NWTIs.

(b) Set criteria and standards, ensuring the requirements of reference (c) are met, to which DON NW capable units are inspected.

(c) Provide technical assistance as requested by the afloat Service certification authorities for the inspection of DON NW capable fleet units. This assistance must pertain to all matters relating to safe, secure, reliable, and effective operation and maintenance of NW and NW systems. Assistance will also be available across both fleets to prepare for NWTIs as well as to resolve deficiencies noted during inspections.

(d) Set DON NWTI inspector training, qualification, and certification standards.

(e) Certify DON NWTI inspectors.

(9) Service certification authority and Service inspection authority for all ashore NWTIs. The Service certifying authority is, per reference (c), the authority determining that an NW capable unit is able to perform its assigned mission. This authority must not be delegated.

(a) Designate the DON NWTI chief inspector from their respective areas, per reference (c).

(b) Assign a chief inspector for each NWTI under their cognizance.

(c) Assign qualified inspectors for all DON NWTIs under their cognizance.

(d) Certify, recertify, or decertify SWFs to execute NW functions safely, securely, and reliably, per reference (c) and applicable Navy directives.

(e) Schedule and execute all DON ashore NWTIs, per reference (c) and Navy directives.

(f) Advise CNO (N9) on trends and issues of compliance with established DON and DoD NW and NW systems safety, security, NW incident response, reliability, and personnel policy based on results of NWTIs.

(10) Echelon 2 supporting flag officer to Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) (ASN (M&RA)) for community management of DON government civilian personnel supporting DON NW and NW systems.

(11) Serve as assigned executive secretary in support of the biennial NNWA effort led by DNS. Propose NNWA schedule, membership, and focus areas to DNS for review and concurrence prior to biennial execution, and ensure that the NNWA will assess synchronization of NNDM reporting with actual performance.

(12) As the NNDM regulatory lead, DIRSSP is the echelon 2 supported flag officer for developing, coordinating, and implementing policies associated with assessing and reporting the personnel and material readiness for NNDM systems. DIRSSP will be supported by echelon 2 and below commands and activities responsible for the safe, secure, effective, and sustainable operation and maintenance of NNDM systems.

(a) Inform the CNO of changes to the readiness of NNDM systems.

(b) Provide the CNO with end-to-end assessments of the Navy's current and projected integrated ability to execute the NNDM using inputs and metrics from supporting flag officers along with other available reporting.

7. Action

a. All Navy organizations with NNDM-related responsibilities and authorities must:

(1) issue formal direction to implement responsibilities and authorities assigned in this instruction; and

(2) assess organizational compliance with applicable guidance and direction associated with the execution of the NNDM. Organizations conducting self-assessments must:

(a) establish and execute a formal self-assessment program, and

(b) retain auditable records of the self-assessment program for a minimum of 3 years.

b. As the NNDM regulatory lead, DIRSSP must:

(1) issue and maintain formal guidance for all commands listed in enclosure (1) to report readiness to execute and sustain the NNDM;

(2) conduct continuous end-to-end assessments, identify current and projected shortfalls, assess the effectiveness of corrective action reported by the responsible commands, and, as needed, provide status reports of the NNDM to the CNO; and

(3) ensure NNDM readiness and sustainability issues requiring coordinated Navy action are presented to the NNDMOC for resolution.

c. To support the NNDM regulator role, commands listed in enclosure (1) must:

(1) inform DIRSSP of the state of readiness of assigned elements of the NNDM to execute the NNDM and of any deficiencies and failures that degrade the ability to execute the NNDM leveraging existing applicable reporting systems to the maximum extent practicable; and

(2) periodically update DIRSSP on the projected ability of assigned elements to sustain the NNDM.

d. Commands listed in enclosure (1) with system interfaces to other Services, unified components, or U.S. Government agencies that support the NNDM must advise DIRSSP regarding issues outside Navy purview that affect NNDM readiness or projected readiness.

e. Concurrent with the comprehensive biennial NNWA directed in reference (a), the NNDMOC must review this instruction to ensure it remains current or to determine any required changes.

8. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, must be managed per SECNAV Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.
9. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, DNS and DIRSSP will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, DoD, SECNAV, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 5 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim, and will be reissued by the 5-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.
10. Information Management Control. Reporting requirements within this instruction are exempt from reports control per SECNAV M-5214.1 of December 2005, part IV, subparagraph 7h.



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1. COMUSFLTFORCOM
2. COMPACFLT
3. COMFLTTCYBERCOM
4. DIRSSP
5. COMSPAWARSSYSCOM
6. COMNAVVAIRSSYSCOM
7. COMNAVSUPSSYSCOM
8. COMNAVSEASSYSCOM
9. COMNAVFACENGCOS
10. CNIC
11. CHNAVPER
12. CNETC
13. BUMED