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From: Commanding Officer, U.S. Navy Support Facility, Diego Garcia

Subj: OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH POLICY STATEMENT

1. It is my policy to provide a safe and healthful work environment to all military and civilian employees of the U.S. Navy Support Facility (NAVSUPPFAC) Diego Garcia. Safety must come first and no task is so important or urgent that it cannot be done safely. The safety and health of our employees must be considered the number one priority when planning each part of a job or process. Safety and health must be fully integrated into every aspect of our business planning, work processes, products, and services. Hazards must be identified during planning and eliminated or controlled during the design. Environmental hazards must be controlled and the use of hazardous materials minimized. Safe work practices not only protect workers, but also minimize disruption of customer operations.

2. Operational Risk Management (ORM) is the key to reducing injury and death on or off duty. Take a few moments to review your task. Determine the hazards of the task by asking what could go wrong and why. Take the necessary steps to reduce the risk, provide guidance and supervision and watch out for your shipmates and help each other to make our job safer.

3. Training and leadership are the keys to mishap and injury prevention. Training provides awareness and establishes guidelines to help ensure personnel are practicing safety in their work centers. Good leaders identify hazards and employ control measures to minimize risk in the work process. Supervisors will provide a work environment that encourages reporting of hazardous conditions without reprisals, ensure personnel correct unsafe practices or conditions and attend all required safety training classes.

3. The goal of the Navy and this command is to eliminate lost time injuries by encouraging employees to fully participate in the command's NAVOSH program without fear of coercion, discrimination or reprisal.

4. I expect full compliance with all applicable safety and health regulations. Any employee who feels that an existing process does not adequately protect our workforce, shall forward his/her concerns to his/her supervisor, department head or to the NAVSUPPFAC Safety Office.

5. The NAVSUPPFAC Safety Office provides assistance and technical guidance to our departments and partner activities with compliance issues, and consults on new, changed and unique processes.


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