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Subj: NAPLES PUBLIC HEALTH EVALUATION ENDURING PROCESSES

- Ref: (a) Naples Public Health Evaluation: Phase II Environmental Testing Support Assessment, Public Health Evaluation, Volume I, Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy (2010)
(b) Naples Public Health Evaluation: Naples Italy – Public Health Evaluation Volume II: Phase I & II Screening Risk Evaluation (2010)
(c) Naples Public Health Evaluation: Naples Public Health Evaluation Public Health Summary: Volume III (Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center (2011))

1. Purpose. To identify and establish formal processes and assign responsibility for implementing appropriate health protective measures identified in the Naples Public Health Evaluation (NPHE).
2. Background. The NPHE was conducted as part of the Navy's commitment to ensuring military and civilian families are safe while serving overseas. In 2007, Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia (CNREURAFSWA) requested assistance from the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center (NMCPHC) to conduct a comprehensive public health evaluation of possible health risks to U.S. personnel living in Naples, Italy.
 - a. The NPHE began in January 2008 and was completed in June of 2011. The study involved the collection of tap water, irrigation water, soil, soil gas, and air samples. NMCPHC also conducted epidemiological studies focusing on birth defects, cancer and asthma. A food study was also conducted and focused on vegetables and poultry grown near the Campania region and sold at the Navy commissary at the Support Site in Gricignano.
 - b. The final results of the NPHE were published in references (a) through (c) and enduring processes were identified to reduce or eliminate any potential public health risks to U.S. personnel.
 - c. The average military tour length in Naples is 2.2 years and the average civilian tour length is 3.2 years. The high turnover rate of personnel makes it critical that these enduring processes remain in effect and are regularly and effectively communicated to all incoming personnel.
2. Responsibilities. All departments identified as responsible for an enduring process will implement annual internal audits to determine that the processes are being properly implemented and effective.

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a. The Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples Installation Commanding Officer (ICO) shall provide overall management oversight and guidance to the Naples Public Health Evaluation Working Group.

b. The N40 Region Environmental shall:

(1) Retain the Naples Public Health Evaluation administrative record, both electronically and in hard copy.

(2) Convene and chair regular meetings of the Naples Public Health Evaluation Working Group, consisting of: N40 Region Environmental, NSA Naples Environmental, NSA Naples Housing, NSA Naples Public Affairs, and U.S. Naval Hospital Naples. Meetings will be held quarterly, or more frequently as required. N40 will provide the Regional Commander (REGCOM) and NSA Naples ICO with an annual NPHE status report.

(3) Complete an external audit of the NPHE enduring processes every 3 years:

c. NSA Naples Environmental shall:

(1) Provide a NPHE overview during Area Orientation to incoming personnel.

(2) Ensure that the NPHE overview provided during Area Orientation is reviewed and approved by the NPHE Working Group annually.

(3) Provide NPHE Working Group an update of questions and comments received during the Area Orientation NPHE overview.

d. NSA Naples Housing Office shall:

(1) Ensure that health protective measures related to off-base housing are appropriately communicated to all personnel, recorded in lease language where required and regularly assessed for effectiveness.

(2) Maintain the Bottled Water Advisory for U.S. personnel living off-base, to include:

(a) Requiring lease language that landlords must provide containerized water service to all tenants from vendors listed in the Worldwide Directory of Sanitarily Approved Food Establishments for Armed Forces Procurement website at: <http://vets.amedd.army.mil/86257B8D004A4B6C/Europe>.

(b) Providing education on the importance of using bottled water for consumptive uses, such as drinking and cooking.

(3) Maintain the New Lease Suspension Zone (NLSZ) areas, based on United States Navy (USN) and/or Italian environmental sampling data, where USN personnel are not permitted to sign new rental home leases, to include:

(a) Prominently displaying maps of NLSZs in the housing office and discussing the areas with all prospective tenants.

(b) Ensuring that no listed homes in the housing database are within the NLSZ at time of inspection.

(4) Require all leased homes to be supplied by city water, to include:

(a) Requiring landlords to disconnect all non-permitted wells and provide proof of connection to the city water system or that the well is permitted.

(b) Housing must inspect the property to confirm the presence of a city water connection prior to allowing a lease to be signed.

(5) Require in lease language that all landlords must clean and disinfect domestic water holding tanks every six months. Housing should inspect all water tanks during other services calls to determine if the water holding tank had been cleaned on schedule.

(6) Actively monitor all United States (U.S.) personnel that reside in the Campania Region for more than 6 years and provide targeted public health education.

(7) Conduct a comprehensive off base lease overview during Area Orientation to incoming personnel.

e. CNREURAFSWA shall cooperate with the U.S. Naval Hospital, Naples in carrying out the following tasks:

(1) Provide education to the U.S. Naval Hospital beneficiaries regarding public health concerns. At a minimum these services should be in conjunction with a comprehensive approach during Area Orientation for incoming personnel.

(2) Provide individual counseling and information to U.S. personnel for health related inquires related to occupational and environmental exposures as required to beneficiaries in the Naples area.

(3) Ensure that health care providers and staff are familiar with the contents and recommendations in the NPHE and are able to refer questions to the appropriate department.

(4) Monitor Italian environmental and health-related information and provide relevant public health information to U.S. personnel sufficient to allow them to understand risks associated with living in the Campania region and the mitigations that have been put in place to minimize those risks.


f. NSA Naples Public Affairs shall:

(1) Carry out a proactive and robust risk communication program in support of the NPHE.

(2) Maintain the Naples Community Health Awareness website, ensuring it contains up to date information and best available contact information. The website was established at the onset of the NPHE to provide information and documents related to the project and should continue to operate as a one stop location for all final published reports, fact sheets, contact information, and Frequently Asked Questions. The Naples Community Health Awareness website will be reviewed by the NPHE working group annually to ensure it is accurate and NSA Naples Public Affairs Office will update as necessary.

(3) Develop and execute a communication plan that includes regular reminders concerning public health topics of concern via the Panorama, social media sites, AFN Radio and Television and All Hands e-mails.

(4) Annually review the communication plan with the NPHE working group to ensure it is accurate and updated as necessary.



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