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CNIC INSTRUCTION 5090.1A

From: Commander, Navy Installations Command

Subj: NAVY OVERSEAS DRINKING WATER PROGRAM ASHORE

Ref: (a) CNIC M-5090.1  
(b) CNIC M-5090.2  
(c) CNIC M-5090.3  
(d) OPNAVINST 5090.1D  
(e) DASN(E) Memo, Drinking Water Requirements at Installations Outside the United States of 31 Dec 2015

1. Purpose

a. To establish criteria and requirements that overseas U.S. Navy installations must meet in order to ensure the quality of drinking water overseas, the proper operation of drinking water systems and personnel in charge of drinking water systems are, at a minimum, as competent and qualified as operators certified within the U.S. regulatory framework. Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC), as the Navy Executive Agent (EA) for Drinking Water Ashore, directs adherence with reference (a) through (c) and the requirements contained therein as the standards for overseas installations to adopt and implement.

b. This instruction provides three standards, references (a) through (c) meeting the guidance and direction set forth in references (d) and (e) by the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) and Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Environment (DASN (E)). This instruction implements the Navy Overseas Drinking Water Program requirements, improving management of drinking water system delivery. This instruction also implements requirements for the evaluation of overseas drinking water system performance and to ensure drinking water system Operators in Responsible Charge (ORC) and Assistant Operators in Responsible Charge (AORC) are qualified, competent and certified.

2. Cancellation.

- a. CNICINST 5090.1
- b. CNICINST 5090.2A
- c. CNICINST 5090.3

3. Scope and Applicability. This instruction applies to all overseas U.S. Navy enduring installations, including any special areas and non-contiguous properties that are part of the installation.

4. Policy

a. References (a) through (c) provide the requirements of this instruction. CNIC, as the Navy EA for Drinking Water Ashore, will use the Navy Overseas Water Quality Oversight Council (WQOC) as the entity responsible for monitoring and ensuring compliance with this instruction.

b. Navy Regions with installations overseas and all Navy overseas installations will comply with reference (a) to improve the overall management of overseas drinking water delivery and to ensure the quality of drinking water overseas.

c. Navy Regions with installations overseas and all Navy overseas installations will comply with reference (b) to ensure the completion of recurring sanitary surveys and system auditing and the issuance of a Certificate to Operate signed by the Region Commander (REGCOM).

d. Navy Regions with installations overseas and all Navy installations overseas will comply with reference (c) to ensure operators in charge of drinking water systems are certified with an appropriate level of competency equivalent to that required in the U.S. regulatory framework, based on training, examination, experience, education and continuing education.

5. Actions

a. CNIC HQ will:

(1) Chair the WQOC.

(2) Enforce this instruction, providing additional guidance and interpretation to Navy Regions, as needed.

(3) Oversee implementation and compliance with this instruction, via the WQOC.

(4) Maintain and update, as needed, references (a) through (c).

(5) Prepare an annual report for the Vice Chief of Naval Operations (VCNO) demonstrating compliance with this instruction and associated guidance.

(6) Evaluate compliance with this instruction through the review of installation internal environmental audit results and CNIC external audit results.

b. REGCOMs will:

(1) Chair the Region Water Quality Board (RWQB).

(2) Implement and comply with this instruction through the RWQB in collaboration with Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) and Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) personnel.

(3) Plan, program and budget for requirements to comply with this instruction.

(4) Evaluate compliance with this instruction through installation annual internal Environmental Management System/Environmental Quality Assessment audit results.

(5) Ensure training and qualification requirements for drinking water system ORC, AORC and operations and maintenance personnel are met in accordance with this instruction and the guidance contained in the referenced standards.

c. Installation Commanding Officers will:

(1) Chair the Installation Water Quality Board (IWQB).

(2) Implement and comply with this instruction through the IWQB in collaboration with NAVFAC and BUMED personnel.

(3) Evaluate compliance with this instruction through installation annual internal environmental audits.

(4) Document compliance with this instruction using the Navy Overseas Drinking Water Data Repository.

d. NAVFAC Headquarters and Regional Facility Engineering Commands (FECs) are responsible for supporting execution of this instruction in collaboration with IWQBs, RWQBs and the WQOC.

6. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, must be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.

7. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, CNIC (N4) will review this instruction annually around the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, Secretary of the Navy 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.

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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.



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