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From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: All Ships and Stations (less Marine Corps field addressees not having Navy personnel attached)
Subj: CONTROL OF NAVAL RESERVE PERSONNEL INVOLVEMENT IN NAVAL NUCLEAR PROPULSION MATTERS
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5510.1G
(b) NAVSEAINST C5511.32A (NOTAL)
(c) Presidential Executive Order 12344 (dtd 1 Feb 82) codified in Public Law 98-525 (dtd 19 Oct 84) (NOTAL)
(d) NAVSEAINST C9210.4 (NOTAL)
Encl: (1) Security Notice for Access to Classified and Unclassified Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information
(2) Termination of Access to Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information

1. Purpose. To establish policy concerning involvement in naval nuclear propulsion matters by personnel in the Naval Reserve, other than those on active duty, and access by such personnel to Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information (NNPI) and nuclear propulsion plant equipment and spaces. This includes all personnel in the Selected Reserve, and the Individual Ready Reserve performing their reserve duties.

2. Overall Policy and Objectives. Access to NNPI or nuclear propulsion plant equipment and spaces is closely controlled owing to their military sensitivity, and the need to ensure that those personnel who perform work on nuclear propulsion matters have the requisite training, experience and knowledge.

3. Relevant Reference Material

a. Reference (a) establishes that classified and unclassified information pertaining to naval nuclear propulsion matters requires protection against unauthorized disclosure pursuant to federal law. In addition to containing specific requirements for that purpose, reference (a) also invokes the provisions of reference (b),

which defines NNPI in detail and provides a more detailed description of the principles that govern access to NNPI.

b. Reference (c) sets forth the basic responsibilities of the Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion including the selection and assignment of personnel who are to perform naval nuclear propulsion work.

c. Reference (d) discusses changes, repairs, and modifications to the propulsion plant of nuclear powered ships and categorizes propulsion plant systems and equipment as reactor plant and non-reactor plant.

4. Specific Policy Requirements. The following policy shall apply whenever naval reserve personnel are involved in naval nuclear propulsion matters or have access to NNPI, to nuclear propulsion plant equipment and spaces, or to facilities which provide access to nuclear propulsion plant information and equipment:

a Overall Responsibilities

(1) Access to NNPI at their gaining command by reservists occupying billets which have been approved for access to NNPI is permitted as set forth in this instruction for normal drills as well as Active Duty for Training and other periods without additional approval.

(2) Transient access by reservists at other than their gaining command, such as might occur during an ACDUTRA period, Inactive Duty for Training Travel (IDTT), or visit to a nuclear-powered ship, nuclear capable Intermediate Maintenance Activity, or shore facility, may be granted by the officials indicated below upon a determination that such access is essential to the reservists' mission:

(a) For a nuclear powered ship, nuclear capable Intermediate Maintenance Activity, or Type Commander controlled shore activity where naval nuclear propulsion plant work is performed, Type Commander approval is required.

(b) For a naval or private shipyard doing work on naval nuclear powered ships, approval of the Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command is required.

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In each case, access approval shall be granted in writing and shall state the basis for the decision to permit access.

(3) Access to NNPI for the purpose of general training by reservists who do not occupy billets approved for access to NNPI (e.g. "familiarization" or "informational" tours of the propulsion plant spaces of nuclear powered ships) is not acceptable unless a specific need to know can be established related to the reservists' specific responsibilities. Such access shall be handled as described in subparagraph (2) above.

(4) Reservists shall be prohibited from performing certain duties involving Naval nuclear propulsion, specifically:

(a) Reservists shall not perform any duty which requires them to operate, test, maintain, repair, or service a nuclear propulsion plant or its systems or equipment while installed in a nuclear powered ship. Work on components and equipment removed from a ship, such as is done at waterborne or shore-based support facilities, is permissible in accordance with the requirements which apply to such work, except that reservists shall not perform any work on reactor plant systems, components, or equipment as defined in reference (d).

(b) Reservists shall not perform any duty which requires them to be trained as radiation workers, which requires them to handle radioactive materials, or which requires them to receive occupational exposure to radiation or dosimetry to monitor such exposure. These requirements do not apply to radiation exposure incurred solely from non-destructive testing (NDT) radiography sources.

Providing the provisions of subparagraphs (a) and (b) above are met, activities for training purposes, such as observing propulsion plant work, are permissible.

b. Specific Responsibilities of Naval Reserve Personnel.

(1) Reservists performing duties which necessitate access to classified or unclassified Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information (NNPI) in the conduct of their duties shall receive a security briefing on proper identification, control and handling of NNPI, and shall:

(a) Execute enclosure (1) when assigned to the billet but prior to access being afforded. The original signed statements shall be retained in their service folders, and a copy kept by the gaining command.

(b) Execute enclosure (2) when transferred from the billet to a position no longer requiring access, or when, for other reasons, no further access is required. The signed statements shall be retained in their service folders.

(Note: These requirements are in addition to other requirements, as outlined in reference (a), for access to classified information. Executing enclosure (1) does not satisfy the reference (a) requirement to execute the Classified Information Nondisclosure Agreement.) For temporary access during training duty, enclosures (1) and (2) shall be executed at the command at which the training duty is conducted.

(2) Reservists not performing duties which necessitate access to classified or unclassified NNPI in the conduct of their reserve duties, but who may require such access in the event of mobilization, shall receive the security briefing in the normal course of reserve training but need not execute enclosure (1) until they are mobilized.

c. **Special Considerations.** There are occasions in which reserve personnel are currently and actively employed in their civilian position in an occupation involving naval nuclear propulsion work. This includes federal employees as well as those who work for contractors doing naval nuclear propulsion work. In general, the policies described above shall be applied to such personnel, but discretion may be exercised where such application would be redundant or otherwise unnecessary to accomplish the basic principles set forth in paragraph 4(a). For example, execution of enclosures (1) and (2) is not required but may be done if necessary for administrative consistency and convenience.

Further, access by such personnel to NNPI for which their naval reserve billet does not provide a need to know may be permitted if their civilian responsibilities for naval nuclear propulsion work would warrant such access

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5. Action. Implementation of the provisions of this instruction will be as follows:

a. Responsibilities of Echelon One Commands. Echelon One Commanders will develop a list by subordinate activity of those Naval Reserve billets requiring NNPI access for mobilization training. Each such list will be forwarded via Commander Naval Reserve Force to the Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion for concurrence. For existing billets, such concurrence should be requested in one submission no later than one year after promulgation of this instruction. Until action is taken on the request, Reserve activities may continue under previous guidelines. For new billets or billet modifications, such concurrence should be requested on a case basis via Commander Naval Reserve Force.

b. Specific Responsibilities of the Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command. Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command (COMNAVSEASYSKOM) through the office of the Reserve Coordinator/Naval Reserve Technical Manager, will accomplish the tasks defined in subparagraph 5a above for COMNAVSEASYSKOM reserve billets requiring access to NNPI. Appropriate coordination will be effected with subordinate commands and COMNAVSEASYSKOM Directorate for Industrial and Facility Management (SEA-07) to ensure the validity of and associated training requirements for listed billets.

c. Responsibilities of the Commander, Naval Reserve Force. Commander, Naval Reserve Force shall coordinate with Fleet, Type, and Activity Commanders other than COMNAVSEASYSKOM for development and endorsement of billet listing required in 5a. Further, Commander Naval Reserve Force will ensure proper billet administration and appropriate support for proper execution of the requirements of this instruction.

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I, the undersigned, hereby state that I have read, understand, and will comply with the requirements of NAVSEAINST C5511.32A (including/not including classified enclosure (1)) concerning identification, control, handling, and protection of classified and unclassified Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information (NNPI). In particular, I recognize that any access to NNPI, whether classified or unclassified, requires a legitimate need to know. I also recognize that making reference to NNPI for activities which do not support naval nuclear propulsion work is not permitted, so that in no case will I use, cite, or refer to NNPI in my civilian employment unless that employment involves naval nuclear propulsion work.

Enclosure (1)

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Termination of Access to Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information

I, the undersigned, hereby confirm that under the Security Statement which I executed prior to being permitted access to Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information (NNPI), I will continue to comply with the provisions of that Statement after my period of access to NNPI has terminated.

Enclosure (2)