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From: Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Central

Subj: NAPLES PUBLIC HEALTH EVALUATION ENDURING PROCESSES

Ref: (a) Naples Public Health Evaluation: Final Phase I Environmental Testing Support Assessment Report, Volumes I and II, NSA Naples, Italy (2008-2010)
(b) Naples Public Health Evaluation: Final Phase II Environmental Testing Support Assessment Report, Volumes I, II, and III, NSA Naples, Italy (2010-2011)
(c) 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) as the program transitions to a long-term sustainment model.

2. Cancellation. COMNAVREGEURAFCENTINST 6500.1A

3. Scope and Applicability. This instruction establishes formal processes based on the findings of references (a) through (c) and applies to all commands, departments, and personnel involved in implementing the enduring health-protective measures from the NPHE. It applies specifically to Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Central (CNREAC), U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, and Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples, its tenant activities and supporting commands.

4. Background. The NPHE was conducted as part of the Navy's commitment to ensure military and civilian families were safe while serving overseas. In 2007, CNREAC requested assistance from the Navy and Marine Corps Force Health Protection Command (NMCFHPC), previously known as Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center, 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 2011. The study involved the collection of tap and irrigation water, soil, soil gas, and air samples. NMCFHPC 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 on 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.

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personnel. These documents are available to all personnel and their families on the NSA Naples official website: <https://cnreurafcen.cnic.navy.mil/Installations/NSA-Naples/Naples-Public-Health-Evaluation/>.

5. Objective. The objective of this instruction is to update the roles and responsibilities for the enduring processes identified by NMCFHPC during the NPHE. The enduring processes are designed to continually educate personnel and their families on the findings of the NPHE and identify and maintain protective measures that will remain in place until further notice. The high turnover rate of personnel makes it critical that these enduring processes remain in effect and are regularly communicated to all incoming personnel.

6. Responsibilities

a. All departments identified in this instruction are responsible for implementing the enduring processes. Recurring tasks must be managed and tracked using the Enterprise Task Management Software Solution (ETMS2), which supersedes the requirement for a separate internal assessment. A task execution dashboard will be maintained on the NPHE Microsoft Teams page for visibility and reference.

b. The NSA Naples Commanding Officer (CO) will provide overall management, oversight, and guidance to the NPHE enduring processes and the NPHE Department Stakeholders, and will:

(1) Select members to convene and chair (or designate a chair) meetings of a NPHE Department Stakeholders Group. Meetings will be held annually or more frequently as required.

(2) Brief the Region Commander (REGCOM) and relevant CNREAC N-codes (e.g., Housing, Public Affairs, Environmental) on the status of the NPHE Department Stakeholders Group meetings and the overall implementation status of the NPHE enduring processes. The briefing will be held annually, or as requested by the REGCOM. The briefing will cover the results of the annual external assessment.

(3) Retain the Naples Public Health Evaluation administrative record.

c. The NPHE Department Stakeholders Group will consist of representatives from NSA Naples Environmental, Housing, Public Affairs, U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, CNREAC N40 Region Environmental, and any other departments as directed by the CO.

d. The NPHE Department Stakeholders Group is the standing governing body that oversees the sustainment phase of the NPHE program and will:

(1) Annually review and approve the NPHE overview provided during Area Orientation (AO).

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(2) Annually review the efficacy of this instruction, taking into account, information, data, and questions received by members of the NPHE Department Stakeholders Group, and modify this instruction if necessary.

(3) Annually review information provided on the NSA Naples Community Health Awareness website to ensure that it is accurate and relevant.

(4) Annually provide a summary the activities of the NPHE Department Stakeholders Group to the NSA Naples CO.

e. N40 Region Environmental will:

(1) Monitor task completion through ETSM2 and the execution dashboard.

(2) Complete an annual external assessment of the NHPE enduring processes and compliance with this instruction, and provide an assessment report to the NPHE Department Stakeholders Group, NSA Naples CO, and the REGCOM.

(3) Attend the annual briefing by the NPHE Department Stakeholders Group and the NSA Naples CO to REGCOM.

(4) Update the ETSM2 and execution dashboard to reflect completion of assigned recurring task. Department will include a corrective action plan for all deficiencies.

f. NSA Naples Environmental will:

(1) Participate and contribute in the NPHE overview presentation conducted during AO to incoming personnel, specifically to address environmental concerns and issues.

(2) At least annually, ensure that warning signs remain intact and are posted regarding the non-potability of irrigation water throughout NSA Naples locations.

(3) Update the ETSM2 and execution dashboard to reflect completion of assigned recurring tasks. Department will include a corrective action plan for all deficiencies.

g. NSA Naples Housing Office will:

(1) Ensure that health protective measures related to off-base housing are appropriately communicated to all personnel. Prior to lease execution, require a signed acknowledgement of tenants' understanding of the information provided in the NPHE AO briefing and all health protective lease clauses, and maintain the signed acknowledgement in the Housing Office files.

(2) Ensure bottled water is provided for U.S. personnel living off base, to include:

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(a) Requiring landlords, via lease language, to provide four liters of containerized or bottled water per person/per day to all tenants from an approved list of vendors provided to the landlord by the Housing Department.

(b) Provide education (e.g., fact sheet(s)) on the importance of using bottled water for consumptive uses, such as drinking and cooking, in the Housing information packet provided to all personnel.

(3) Maintain the Lease Suspension Zones (LSZ) and designated off-limits areas where personnel are not permitted to sign new rental home leases, to include:

(a) Prominently displaying maps of LSZ and off-limits areas in the Housing Office and discussing the areas with all prospective tenants.

(b) Ensuring that no homes are within the LSZ and off-limits areas at the time of inspection. The Housing inspection form will denote confirmation of this verification by the inspector.

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

(a) Requiring landlords, via lease language, to disconnect all non-permitted wells and provide proof of connection to the city or municipal drinking water system, or that the well is permitted via the local drinking water authority, and maintain records in the Housing Office.

(b) Housing must inspect the property to confirm the presence of a city or municipal drinking water connection prior to allowing a lease to be signed. The Housing inspection form will denote confirmation of this verification by the inspector.

(5) Require landlords, via lease language, to clean and disinfect domestic drinking water holding tanks every six months. Documented evidence of this work will be provided by the landlord to the Housing Office upon completion. Housing must verify compliance through the Enterprise Military Housing (eMH) Module bi-annually.

(6) Actively monitor all U.S. personnel that reside in the Campania Region for more than six years and provide targeted public health education information. Housing is required to annually send a risk communication letter to long-term residents. To ensure accuracy, an annual report shall be generated through the eMH Module to identify all personnel who have resided in the Campania Region for a period greater than six years.

(7) Provide all lease requirements for all existing and prospective landlords and realtors in both Italian and English.

(8) Update the ETSM2 and execution dashboard to reflect completion of assigned recurring tasks. Department will include a corrective action plan for all deficiencies.

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h. U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, in cooperation with NSA Naples and CNREAC will:

(1) Provide education to the U.S. Naval Hospital beneficiaries and participate in the NPHE overview presentation conducted during AO to incoming personnel, specifically to address public health concerns and issues.

(2) Provide individual counseling and information to U.S. personnel for health related inquiries 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) Provide relevant public health information and updates to the Naples Community Health Awareness website to allow U.S. personnel to understand risks associated with living in the Campania region and the mitigations that have been put in place to minimize those risks.

(5) Update the ETSM2 and execution dashboard to reflect completion of assigned recurring tasks. Department will include a corrective action plan for all deficiencies. This summary should include the types of questions received by, and information provide to U.S. Personnel relevant to the NPHE, and information obtained from interaction with Italian and local health and environmental departments.

i. NSA Naples Public Affairs will:

(1) Carry out a proactive and robust risk communication program in support of the NPHE and provide an annual summary of communication activities to the NPHE Department Stakeholders Group and NSA Naples CO.

(2) Maintain the NSA Naples Community Health Awareness website, ensuring it contains up-to-date information and best available contact information. The website should operate as a one-stop location for all final published reports, fact sheets, contact information, frequently asked questions, and any other information deemed as appropriate by the NPHE Department Stakeholders Group.

(3) The NSA Naples Community Health Awareness website will be reviewed by the NPHE Department Stakeholders Group annually to ensure it is accurate and NSA Naples Public Affairs Office will update it as necessary.

(4) Develop and execute a communication plan that includes regular reminders concerning public health topics of concern via the Public Affairs Officer Notes, social media sites, Armed Forces Network radio and television, and all hands e-mails.

(5) Annually review the communication plan with the NPHE Department Stakeholders Group to ensure it is accurate and updated as necessary.

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(6) Update the ETSM2 and execution dashboard to reflect completion of assigned recurring tasks. Department will include a corrective action plan for all deficiencies.

7. 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 September 2019.

8. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, CNREAC N40 will review this instruction annually around the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of War, Secretary of the Navy, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 10 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim, and will be reissued by the 10-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.



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