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COMNAVREGEURAFCENT INSTRUCTION 6500.1A

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).
2. Cancellation. COMNAVREGEURAFSWA 6500.1.
3. Background. The NPHE was conducted as part of the Navy's commitment to ensuring military and civilian families were safe while serving overseas. In 2007, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Central (NREURAFCENT) 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 and 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. These documents are available to all personnel and their families on the NSA Naples official website: https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnreurafcent/installations/nsa_naples.html/about/health_awareness.html.

4. Objective. The objective of this instruction is to clearly establish roles and responsibilities for the Enduring Processes identified by NMCPHC 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.

5. Responsibilities

a. All departments identified below as responsible for an Enduring Process will conduct an annual internal assessment to determine that the processes are being properly implemented, effective, and provide an annual summary of assessment results to the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples Commanding Officer (CO) and the NPHE Working Group.

b. The NSA Naples CO will provide overall management, oversight, and guidance to the NPHE Enduring Processes and the NPHE Working Group, and will:

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

(2) Brief the Regional Commander (REGCOM) and relevant NREURAFCENT N-codes (e.g., Housing, Public Affairs, Environmental) on the status of the NPHE Working Group meetings and the overall implementation status of the NPHE Enduring Processes. Briefings will be held at least twice per year, or as requested by the REGCOM. One briefing per year will cover the results of the annual internal assessments.

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

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

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

(2) Annually review the efficacy of this instruction, taking into account, information, data, and questions received by members of the NPHE Working 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 Working Group to the NSA Naples CO.

d. N40 Region Environmental will:

(1) Complete an annual external assessment of the NHPE Enduring Processes and compliance with this instruction, and provide an assessment report to the NPHE Working Group, NSA Naples CO, and the REGCOM.

(2) Attend semi-annual briefings by the NPHE Working Group and the NSA Naples CO to REGCOM.

e. 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) Conduct an annual internal assessment to determine if the processes above are being properly implemented and effective, and provide a summary of assessment results to the NSA Naples CO and the NPHE Working Group.

f. 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:

(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.

(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. Document the information provided in the Housing Office files.

(7) Provide a website for all existing and prospective landlords and realtors to clearly convey all of the above-listed lease requirements in both Italian and English.

(8) Conduct an annual internal assessment to determine if the processes above are being properly implemented and effective, and provide a summary of assessment results to the NSA Naples CO and the NPHE Working Group.

g. U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, in cooperation with NSA Naples, and NREURAFCENT 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) Conduct an annual internal assessment to determine if the processes above are being properly implemented and effective, and provide a summary of assessment results to the NSA Naples CO and the NPHE Working Group. 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.

h. 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 Working 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 Working Group. The NSA 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 it as necessary.

(3) 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.

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

(5) Conduct an annual internal assessment to determine if the processes above are being properly implemented and effective, and provide a summary of assessment results to the NSA Naples CO and the NPHE Working Group.

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.

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7. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, NREURAFCENT N40 will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of its effective date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, DoD, SECNAV, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will automatically expire 10 years after effective date unless reissued or canceled prior to the 10-year anniversary date, or an extension has been granted.


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