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Subj: RELAXATION OF NAVSEAINST 5400.108A

Ref: (a) NAVSEA Instruction 5400.108A, Policy for Quality Management of Work on Non-Nuclear Surface Ship Critical Systems  
(b) NAVSEA 00 meeting, regarding immediate changes to reference (a), with NAVSEA 04, NAVSEA 05, NAVSEA 21, CNRMC and PEO LCS, 6 July 2012  
(c) CNRMCINST 4700.5, Standard Operating Procedures (EPCP) for Expanded Process Control Procedures (EPCP) on Surface Ships

1. The purpose of this letter is to provide guidance for immediate relaxation of quality management measures outlined in reference (a) for work on critical systems.
2. Reference (a) established policy for quality management of work on non-nuclear surface ship critical systems which applies to all intermediate (I) and depot (D) level work including Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy (SCN) post-delivery items for systems listed covered by reference (a).

Per reference (b), NAVSEA has granted immediate relaxation of reference (a) requirements for certain items contained in that instruction. Until the revision of NAVSEAINST 5400.108A is issued this letter constitutes authority to comply with decisions resulting from reference (b).

3. Effective immediately, relaxation of reference (a) requirements for the following items is granted:

- a. Use of Cofferdams
- b. All engines associated with electrical power generation (e.g. SSDG, GTG, SSTG) with the exception of opposed piston SSDGs on LSD Class ships.
- c. All GTM Lube Oil, GTM Fuel Oil and GTG Fuel Oil Systems.
- d. All shafting work with the exception of stern tube seals.

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Note: CPP is not identified as a 'Critical System' in reference (a). Increasing the scope of 5400.108 to include CPP work, specifically CPP valve rods and prairie air tubes, is under review.

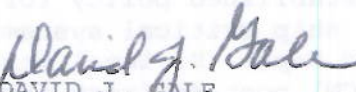
e. Availabilities with surface ship critical systems that are in progress now or have been definitized before this letter was issued must either adhere to the EPCP execution process or use a permanent minor DFS citing this letter to technically adjudicate the removal of the EPCP contracted for prior to this letter. A RCC may then be issued to change the contract.

f. For those systems that no longer require EPCPs, a PCP or FWP will be used to ensure first time quality work on these systems.

g. Reference (a) remains in effect for all other Critical Systems.

4. This letter has been reviewed and concurred with by NAVSEA 04 and 05.

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