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DON NW PRP Newsletter



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Department of the Navy Nuclear Weapon Personnel Reliability Program

SECNAVINST 5510.35B

On 1 March 2011, Under Secretary of the Navy, Robert O. Work signed SECNAVINST 5510.35B, Department of the Navy Nuclear Weapon Personnel Reliability Program. Implementation began 1 June 2011. Major changes include reorganization of PRP policy approval, development, and oversight responsibilities within the DON; guidance regarding initial and refresher training requirements;

modifications of process to approve the use of contractors in the PRP; implementation of DON medical records review process; and changes to the permanent decertification administrative process.

For additional information regarding the SECNAVINST 5510.35B, the instruction can be found at the DON Issuances website (<http://doni.daps.dla.mil>).

Role of IDCs on Submarines that are Underway

On 20 May 2011, CNO (N09N2) issued guidance relating to Role of Independent Duty Hospital Corpsmen on Submarines that are Underway. CNO Itr 5520 Ser N09N2/11U213138 states independent duty hospital corpsmen (IDCs) on submarines that are underway are authorized to perform required evaluations and provide recommendations in support of Certifying Official PRP determinations (e.g., suspension, temporary decertification, permanent

decertification, recertification, etc.). Evaluations shall be documented on an SF-600 (Chronological Record of Medical Care). IDCs on submarines that are underway will ensure the Certifying Official is apprised of any medical treatment that might affect PRP performance and, upon return to homeport, the Competent Medical Authority will review all treatment that was determined to have a potential impact on PRP performance.

Administrative Termination Clarification

On 25 April 2011, CNO (N09N2) issued guidance regarding Administrative Termination. CNO Itr 5520 Ser N09N2/11U213111 of 25 April 11 states "a certification of acceptability shall be terminated administratively when an individual

is reassigned from a PRP position to a non-PRP position (e.g., reassignment within the same command, permanent change of station (PCS), retirement from the DON, etc.) for reasons other than disqualifying."

PRP Permanent Decertification Letters

The SECNAVINST 5510.35B changed the roles and responsibilities between CNO (N09N2) and DIRSSP. DIRSSP now oversees the execution of the

PRP policy, including permanent decertifications. In accordance with SECNAVINST 5510.35B, permanent decertification letters go directly to PERS 833 instead of

CNO (N09N2). In addition, the permanent decertification letters must be copied to the individual, the command's chain of command and DIRSSP (SP31).

Requesting PSIs from NCIS

The SECNAVINST 5510.35B states "when a PRP member or incumbent has an adjudicated investigation which supports final PRP certification, commands shall request a review copy of the investigations from the Naval

Criminal Investigative Service (NAVCRIMINSERV) Headquarters, Records management Division. Requests shall be in letter or message format stating the PRP requirement, and shall identify the

subject, including full name, social security number (SSN), and date of birth." Request may be made via fax to (571) 305-9344 or email ensuring it is digitally signed and encrypted.

OPNAV 5510/414 and OPNAV 5510/419

OPNAV 5510/414, Nuclear Weapon Personnel Reliability Program (PRP) Screening and Evaluation Record, and OPNAV 5510/419, Department of the Navy

Nuclear Weapons Personnel Reliability Program Authorization for Disclosure of Medical or Dental Information, forms have been

revised and are available through the Naval Forms Online web site (<https://navalforms.daps.dla.mil/web/public/home>).

QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Question: Who may submit an appeal for permanent decertifications and disqualifications?

Answer: Military and civilian personnel may appeal their permanent decertification or disqualification. There is no appeal process for contractors.

Question: How is a Prospective Commanding Officer screened?

Answer: An appropriate senior in the chain of command (either operational or administrative) shall certify the incoming commanding officer, with assistance of a formally designated PRP certifying official.

WE HAVE MOVED!

CNO (N09N2) has moved to Quantico, Virginia.

Contact information via email is CNO_N09N2_24E@navy.mil and phone number is 571-305-9409. Mailing address is:

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