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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER NAVAL SAFETY CENTER
DIRECTOR, SAFETY DIVISION, HQMC

SUBJECT: Nomination of Navy and Marine Corps Installations /Activities to Participate
in the DOD Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Initiative

I request your assistance to identify Navy and Marine Corps installations or significant activities to participate in the FY 2007 DoD Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) initiative. As you are aware the Defense Safety Oversight Council established the DoD VPP Center of Excellence (CX) to provide assistance to DoD activities wishing to participate in the OSHA VPP initiative. The Department of Navy currently has 15 installations or activities participating in the program with the DoD VPP CX. Feedback from the commands participating in the program has been very positive. DON commands participating in VPP have witnessed a significant decrease in mishaps and lost workday rates. The three Naval Shipyards that have achieved Star Status can attest to the great potential that VPP brings to improve safety.

The DON Objectives for 2006, released by the SECNAV, CNO and CMC focus on five critical areas within the Department. One of these objectives is to improve safety across the Navy and Marine Corps. A sub-objective is to reduce civilian lost workdays at installations on the current DoD "Top 40" lost workday list (<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/ltwi/owa/cop>). The mechanism approved by Secretary Winter to do this is to implement elements of VPP at these installations (or major civilian activities at these installations). The DoD VPP CX initiative offers an outstanding mechanism for these installations to implement elements of VPP in an effective and cost efficient manner.

The DoD VPP CX is requesting a list of installations / activities to begin working with in FY 07. The Navy and Marine Corps have each been allocated 10 installations or activity "slots" for 2007. Please provide this office a consolidated list of proposed Navy and Marine Corps activities by COB 14 July. Please ensure the DoD Top 40 list is thoroughly evaluated by the Naval Safety Center, HQMC Safety Division, and Navy and Marine Corps major commands to provide effective and focused attention on the activities that will provide the highest potential for lost workday reductions.

Thank you for your assistance. My POC is Mr. Richard Wright.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt Garbow", is written over a horizontal line.

Kurt Garbow.
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
(Safety)