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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: Commanding General, Marine Forces Command
Commanding General, Marine Forces Pacific
Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development
Command

SUBJ: OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION'S (OSHA)
VOLUNTARY PROTECTION PROGRAMS (VPP)

Ref: (a) ASN (I&E) memo to VCNO and ACMC of 13 July 2007

1. I request your support in volunteering installations to pursue recognition as world class safety performers through OSHA's VPP.
2. We currently have five installations and two maintenance centers participating in VPP: a management system that promotes safe workplaces by enhancing mission accomplishment through the active participation of employee's, superiors, managers, and commanders - thereby preventing accidents.
3. Reference (a) requests VPP participation of 10 additional Marine Corps commands in the next two years, including five in FY 2008 and five in FY 2009.
4. We must embrace proven tools like VPP as we pursue the Secretary of Defense's 75% mishap reduction target. I look forward to hearing of your progress in recruiting volunteer commands.


JAMES D. GRACE
By direction

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