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From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHY POLICY, RELATIONSHIPS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES

Ref: (a) United States Navy Regulations, 1973
(b) SECNAVINST 5430.20C (NOTAL)

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1. Purpose. To provide Naval Oceanography related policy and objectives, to establish organizational relationships, and to assign responsibilities for Naval Oceanography.

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2. Cancellation. SECNAV Instruction 5430.79A

3. Introduction. Reference (a) defines the Department of the Navy organization and assigns responsibility for oceanography, ocean engineering, and closely related matters to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Engineering and Systems) (ASN(R,E&S)). Reference (a) also states that the Oceanographer of the Navy, within the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, performs functions relating to external interfaces with national and international oceanographic organizations and bodies. Reference (b) assigns responsibility to the Chief of Naval Research for coordinating the Navy ocean science program in support of Naval Oceanography.

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4. Definition. Naval Oceanography consists of three principal efforts: the operational oceanography program (meteorology, oceanography, hydrography, astrometry, and precise time and time interval) under the sponsorship of the Chief of Naval Operations; the ocean science program under the sponsorship of the Chief of Naval Research; and, under various sponsors other generally related activities such as ocean engineering, deep ocean technology, deep submergence operations, salvage, diving, diving biomedicine, and environmental satellites. Ocean science is defined to include ocean environment-related portions of the Navy's Basic Research (6.1) Program and the Navy's Exploratory Development (6.2) Program.

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5. Statement of Policy. The basic policy of the Department of the Navy is to provide the oceanographic information and the related technological base necessary for the Department of Defense to fulfill its assigned mission.

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6. Objectives

R) a. Primary. To advance the military application of oceanographic knowledge and technology by:

R) (1) Advancing and applying knowledge of the atmosphere, the oceans, the ocean floor, and the coastal and seabed areas to enhance the effectiveness of fleet operations and weapon systems.

R) (2) Providing direct support during the design, development and testing of military weapons, sensors and platforms.

b. Secondary. To provide ancillary benefits to the national effort by:

R) (1) Advancing knowledge of the atmosphere, the oceans, the ocean floor, the coastal and seabed areas for economic, social, scientific and political gains.

A) (2) Cooperating in those national and international programs and projects which contribute to Naval Oceanography.

A) (3) Monitoring national and international oceanographic activities and programs which relate to Naval Oceanography.

R) 7. Special Provisions. The following points form the basis for DON actions related to oceanography:

a. National defense takes priority over other goals.

b. Oceanographic efforts must be primarily, fully, and immediately responsive to military requirements.

R) c. The Navy recognizes its position of leadership in and its obligation to support related non-military national objectives.

R) d. In order to meet national, military, and other requirements the Navy must maintain an independent, comprehensive, and responsive Naval Oceanography effort including surveys, research, application and development, and adequate supporting ships, instrumentation and facilities.

R) e. A large portion of the oceanographic information of interest to the Navy is not classified. The Navy encourages and cooperates in the continued mutual exchange of appropriate unclassified oceanographic data and knowledge with and among national and international organizations for Navy and national benefit.

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f. Consistent with its own established oceanographic effort, the Navy will cooperate with national organizations which attempt to provide a national focus to describe, understand, and predict atmospheric and oceanographic phenomena.

8. Responsibilities and Relationships

a. Within the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, the Oceanographer of the Navy will:

(1) Manage and coordinate the Navy operational oceanography program.

(2) Serve as the Naval Deputy to the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(3) Act for the Secretary of the Navy, through the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Engineering and Systems) and CNO in national, international and interagency operational oceanography matters.

(4) Compile and maintain a descriptive Naval Oceanography program summary in coordination with the Chief of Naval Research and other appropriate program sponsors.

b. The Chief of Naval Research will:

(1) Manage and coordinate the Navy ocean science program.

(2) Collaborate with the Oceanographer of the Navy and other appropriate program sponsors on ocean science requirements and projects.

(3) Ensure the appropriate ocean science programs are conducted to support naval warfare capabilities, weapon systems development, and fleet safety.

9. Action

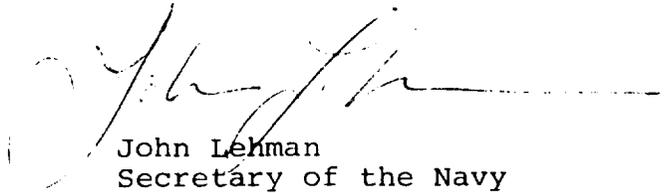
a. The Chief of Naval Operations (through the Oceanographer of the Navy) and the Chief of Naval Research shall ensure that the operational oceanography and ocean science programs are balanced, appropriately integrated, and responsive to the needs of the Navy, and that they make maximum use of available assets and fulfill DON objectives.

b. Program sponsors within the Navy who do not report to the Oceanographer of the Navy or the Chief of Naval Research shall keep the Oceanographer informed of those aspects of their programs which contribute to or impact upon Naval Oceanography as defined in paragraph 4. of this instruction.

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c. The Chief of Naval Operations shall issue the necessary directives to implement the provisions of this instruction.



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