AIR STATION ORDER 5090.5A

From: Commanding Officer
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Subj: TRAINING AND INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR MAINTAINING COMPLIANCE WITH SPILL PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND COUNTERMEASURE REGULATION

Ref: (a) 40 CFR 112 Subpart A, Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plans
(b) 40 CFR 112.20, Facility Response Plans
(c) Integrated Contingency Plan for MCAS Beaufort, including the Tank Integrity Assurance Plan, incorporated by reference

1. Situation. This order implements policy and procedures, assigns responsibility, and provides for training and inspection as required by references (a) and (b).

2. Cancellation. ASO 5090.5.

3. Mission

a. The Federal oil pollution prevention regulations were promulgated on 11 December 1973 and came to be known as the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) regulations. Reference (a) provides a basic framework for operational procedures, containment requirements, and response needs of certain facilities that have the potential to discharge oil into the navigable waters of the United States or adjoining shorelines. Because the Air Station stores oils in quantities greater than regulatory thresholds, it is also subject to the increased requirements of reference (b) for development and implementation of a facility response plan (FRP). The Air Station must comply with the SPCC and FRP regulations for the following reasons:

(1) Because of our location we could reasonably be expected to discharge oil into or upon navigable waters of the United States or adjoining shorelines.

(2) Above ground and underground storage quantities at MCAS Beaufort require compliance with this regulation.

b. Owners or operators of non-transportation-related petroleum storage and handling facilities which are subject to the SPCC regulation must prepare a written plan which details their facility’s compliance with 40 CFR 112. Nine sites are identified as having the highest potential to discharge oil to surface waters surrounding the facility. Site-specific plans developed for these areas have been incorporated into reference (c).

c. All employees who work at these sites are required to have appropriate SPCC training. The training includes initial training for new employees and annual discharge prevention briefings. Initial SPCC training should include a briefing on applicable portions of the SPCC regulation, instructions on spill reporting and initial response, and a

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review of previous activity spills. Annual discharge prevention briefings shall review spill prevention and response procedures, discuss recent spills, and encourage feedback from employees as to the condition and operation of oil storage and handling facilities.

d. Periodic inspections of aboveground tanks, aboveground piping, and secondary containments are required to ensure all spill countermeasures are in proper working order. Records of all inspections should be kept with a copy of reference (c). A list of all required inspections with their corresponding frequency is provided in reference (c).

4. Execution

a. Commanding Officers, Department Heads, and Officers In Charge. Ensure compliance with listed references and this bulletin.

b. Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Officer. Develop training materials, coordinate initial training, and provide instructions and materials to comply with inspection requirements.

5. Administration and Logistics. In accordance with the requirements of the reference regulations and guidance contained in the reference plans, the Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Officer is responsible for training and inspection requirements associated with spill prevention compliance. This order has been coordinated and concurred with by Commanding Officer, MAG-31, and the Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Support Squadron 273.

6. Command and Signal. This order is effective the date signed and is applicable to Supply Fuels, Public Works Maintenance, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 31, and Marine Wing Support Squadron 273.

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