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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest  
To: Naval Facilities Northwest Contracted Partners

Subj: CONCERNING TREND OF CONTRACTOR MISHAPS THROUGHOUT NAVFAC

Encl: (1) 2016 NAVFAC HQ Awareness Promotion brief

1. The relationship between Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest (NAVFAC Northwest) and our contracted partners is extremely valuable. NAVFAC Northwest has a strong commitment to mishap prevention, and I believe any contractor performing work on our bases must also integrate our "zero mishap" philosophy into their daily work activities.
2. Last year, our NAVFAC Northwest contracted workforce had an average days away, restricted or transferred (DART) safety rate below that of general industry and the construction sector. Unfortunately, there have been multiple fatal mishaps which mar the injury record.
3. One of the basic components of a mishap prevention program is the ability to recognize and correct hazardous conditions. Common themes in many of our mishaps are the obvious nature of the hazard, violations of safety guidelines, and the failure of personnel on-site to stop the dangerous behavior. To raise awareness of dangerous practices and encourage employees and supervisors to take action when a hazard exists, the NAVFAC Northwest safety team developed basic hazard recognition training, enclosure (1), based on last year's fatal mishaps.
4. NAVFAC Northwest is providing this training to all employees as part of our ongoing mishap prevention program. I encourage you to do the same with your employees and subcontractors on the job site. Our goal is to improve individual skills in identifying hazards and preventing accidents no matter the type of work being performed.
5. Your mishap prevention efforts directly impact the Navy's mission and are essential to the safety and welfare of those you employ. NAVFAC Northwest has a strong commitment to mishap prevention. I ask that you substantially reinforce your commitment to workplace safety with each and every employee that works aboard a Department of Defense installation as soon as possible.
6. Working together we can safely accomplish the mission and attain our goals. We must remain vigilant to prevent all mishaps and ensure our valued employees return home uninjured after every workday.

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