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From: Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command To: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: Trihalomethanes (TTHM) in Drinking Water

Encl: (1) COMLANTNAVFACENGCOM Data Base Summary

1. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has published final regulations for the control of total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) as part of the national drinking water regulations. The maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TTHMS introduced into drinking water during the course of treatment has been established as 0.1 mg/l.

2. Compliance with this standard was required by 29 November 1981 for those systems serving 75,000 or more. Systems serving between 10,000 and 75,000 people must comply by 29 November 1983. Compliance for systems serving fewer than 10,000 people is left to state discretion.

3. As indicated in enclosure (1), several water systems in the Atlantic Division exceed the established MCL for TTHM. Though monitoring data is not presently available for the remaining Engineering Field Divisions, the potential for non-compliance in other Navy systems exists.

4. Request BUMED establish a policy regarding TTHM compliance for Naval community water systems serving less than 10,000 people, and for overseas activities which may not be legally required to comply with CONUS requirements.

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