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## ATLANTIC DIVISION NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND



### A VIEW FROM HQ by Gary Mackey

#### Contractor Evaluations

In today's environment of doing more contracting by other than low bid the importance of timely and accurate contractor evaluations are essential to our day-to-day administration of our contracts. I was a member of the NAVFAC task force that wrote our present NAVFAC INSTRUCTION 4335.4 dated 20 March 2000. This instruction requires an evaluation for all contracts and task orders over \$100,000 be completed within 60 days after establishing the Beneficial Occupancy Date (BOD). We had representatives from all the EFDs and our committee consisted of both 1102 and 800 managers. The Chief at that time, Admiral Lou Smith, also directed that we work with the Association of General Contractors (AGC) on this effort. The construction community was most concerned that they get an opportunity to comment on their evaluations and that more importantly the evaluations do not come as a surprise to them at the end of the contract. It was clear to me that the contractor community wants to use their performance for future contract opportunities. The basic rule for this and almost everything we do is communicate, communicate, communicate. The new instruction encourages using interim evaluations on all contracts that are over two-years in duration and when we have a turnover in our AROICC/AREICC personnel. Taking the time to evaluate all of our contractors is an important business practice! We especially want to document the poor performers so that the selection process happening today will not give us a contractor that is not committed to our slogan of **Quality Performance . . . Quality Results**. Please take the time to read this instruction and practice its principles. There

should be no surprises at the end of a contract in regards to our evaluations. As we communicate our dissatisfactions early in the life of a contract, this will hopefully jumpstart the contractor to improve. Admiral Phillips, Dave Lamoureux and I discussed this topic at our LANTDIV ROICC Conference in February. All supervisors are expected to make sure these evaluations are happening in a timely manner.

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#### 2002 ROICC Conference

Thanks to all of you that attended the 2002 ROICC Conference. Based on the evaluations we received the conference was well worth the time and effort. You stated there were many good topics that needed more time to discuss in detail, i.e. more discussion, less briefing. We will consider this and all of you other comments when planning the next ROICC Conference. The Power Point briefs as well as the ROICC metrics' definitions and instructions discussed at the conference are in .pdf format and are located on the new LANTDIV web site at [http://www.lantdiv.navy.mil/pls/lantdiv/url/page/INTRANET\\_CI5\\_PAGE](http://www.lantdiv.navy.mil/pls/lantdiv/url/page/INTRANET_CI5_PAGE).

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## Changes to Specification Section 09900 PAINTS AND COATINGS

Projects are beginning to be awarded that have some major changes to specification Section UFGS-09900 PAINTING. The changes were prompted by OMB Circular No. A-119 "Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities". This circular directs (Executive Branch) agencies to use voluntary consensus standards in lieu of government-unique standards except where inconsistent with law or otherwise impractical. Additionally, we have had increasing problems with the use of Federal and Military standard specifications, and the use of MPI (Master Painters Institute) standards and approved products lists should reduce if not eliminate these problems.

All paint products listed in specification section 09900 are MPI product numbers, each one representing specific product line having an associated Approved Products List (APL). All MPI approved products are commercially available "off-the-shelf" products, and many leading paint manufacturers as well as small local or regional manufacturers are represented on the approved products lists. Considering that UFGS-09900 is applicable to all military services, we can expect the list of manufacturers on the MPI APL to expand in the coming months and years.

A listing of all MPI approved products are available at [www.paintinfo.com](http://www.paintinfo.com), however, only the latest list is currently available on the website. Efforts are being made to get all previously printed lists available on the website, beginning with the September 2001 list. Until that occurs, please contact [info@paintinfo.com](mailto:info@paintinfo.com) for the appropriate list for your project.

MPI updates the APL approximately each month on the web and twice a year in hardcopy. The language in section 09900 requires that the contractor use the MPI approved list that was effective as of the date of contract award (award to prime contractor). The language also allows the contractor to choose a subsequent list, however, only one list may be used on a project.

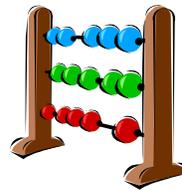
The use of the MPI APL may necessitate the use of multiple paint manufacturers on any specific

project. However, this should not be detrimental to the finished project as long as multiple manufacturers are not used in a single, multi-coat system. In other words, where two or more coats are required in any combination of primer, intermediate, and topcoat, all coats shall be from the same manufacturer to ensure proper manufacturer support and warranty.

We believe that the use of MPI products and APL will be beneficial to both the finished product and to those involved with designing and implementing projects, as well as to contractors and coating manufacturers. For further information about MPI or our decision to use MPI products, please visit either the MPI web site or our website at <http://coatings.nfesc.navy.mil/>. For information on matching a previous Federal standard and an MPI standard, visit our website and click on "Standards" then click on "Federal standards matched to MPI standards."

If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact me. Feedback, particularly at this early stage, will help us focus efforts on providing helpful information more effectively and efficiently.

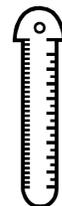
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## CONSTRUCTION SAFETY METRICS BENCHMARKING

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In the ROICC business it is extremely important in our leadership role that each and every employee within Atlantic Division has one voice on our goal for "Zero Lost Time Accidents Through Zero Tolerance" when dealing with customers and contractors alike reinforced through our actions.



In evaluating areas of potential improvement for ROICC contractor safety performance, rates are measured using an industry calculation for lost-time accident rates. This industry measure, adopted by NAVFAC allows us to compare our rates internally and externally. NAVFAC has established a procedure that requires command safety specialists to take specific action steps when any

ROICC office experiences a rate above 1.0 in a one-year period. In benchmarking the Atlantic Division (LANT) ROICC offices the average LANT ROICC rate is used to indicate performance. In our case, the average LANT ROICC rate for FY 01 was .61. Therefore ROICC offices above this average rate is an indication that safety performance by the contractors within that ROICC AOR is below the average where additional attention to site safety may be warranted. There are some external influences that may contribute to increased accident rates pushing rates above the average, however in general the average rate for LANT ROICCs, which is well below the industry average, is our benchmark.

## PERSONNEL MOVES

There have been several moves in and around the Deputy Division Operations Office which are:

George Malamas – From CI4 to DOPS, Team Leader for the ieFACMAN project.

Mitch Cooperman – EFA MED to Production Coordination Officer for DOPS – late June 2002

Deborah Senchak – ALnO/Component Coordinator to temporary assignment in DOPS as Production coordination Officer until Mitch Cooperman arrives.

Ken Little – From LANTHQ ALnO to temporary assignment as ALnO/Component Coordinator until Deborah Senchak returns.

From ROICC Operations:  
Other personnel moves in our AOR currently planned or being effected are:

**Tom Warrington** : From ROICC Op to ROICC Yorktown  
Effective 10 March2002

**Skip Owens:** From ROICC Sewell's Pt to ROICC Oceana  
Effective 24 March 2002

**Ed Pannell:** From ROICC Oceana to ROICC Sewell's Pt  
Effective 24 March 2002

**Wirt Shinault:** From ROICC Oceana to Coast Guard  
Effective 8 April 2002

**Luke Jackson:** From ROICC Yorktown to ROICC Oceana  
Effective 6 May 2002

**Willie Wells:** From ROICC Ops to ROICC Yorktown  
Effective 29 April 2002

**Chris Reich:** From ROICC Ops to ROICC Oceana  
Effective 3 Apr-10 May 2002\*

**Rich Mathews:** From REICC Curacao to ROICC NNSY  
Effective Late April 2002

**Dennis Lewin:** From ROICC Ops (Head) to REICC Curacao - Effective late April2002\*\*

**Bill Colden:** From ROICC Ops (Ass't) to ROICC Ops (Head)- Effective April 2002 for 120 days\*\*\*

**Sean Sweeney:** From ROICC NNSY to ROICC Ops  
Effective 8 April 2002

\* Chris to backfill Wirt Shinault until arrival of Luke; then, return to ROICC Ops

\*\* Dennis Lewin to return to ROICC Ops at completion of Curacao project (18-24 months)

\*\*\* Bill Colden detailed to ROICC Ops (Head) NTE 120 days while R&F being accomplished

We wish everyone Good Luck in his/her new job/location!

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## Advanced CPM Schedule Classes

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Steve Madsen from EFA NW will again be the instructor for the Advanced CPM Schedule Classes. The current schedule is as follows:  
23-24 April 2002 – ROICC Portsmouth, NH  
25-26 April 2002 – ROICC Brunswick  
29-30 April 2002 – ROICC New Jersey  
Steve will be coming to the LANTDIV HQ AOR for four classes the last two weeks of May. The exact days, times, and locations for these classes will be forthcoming.

## CLOSING THOUGHT...

"Win-win is a belief in the Third Alternative. It's not your way or my way: it's a better way. "

- Stephen R. Covey



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