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Subj: ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE PLACARD

1. PURPOSE. This Notice distributes the Coast Guard’s revised Environmental Stewardship Policy entitled “Commandant’s Environmental Stewardship Challenge” (Rev. 03/03). It is intended for all military and civilian Coast Guard personnel.
2. ACTION. Area and district commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistics commands (MLCs), commanding officers of headquarters units, assistant commandants for directorates, Chief counsel, and special staff offices at Headquarters shall ensure the posting of the new placard.
3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. This new placard supersedes and replaces the placard distributed by Coast Guard Environmental Policy Statement, COMDTNOTE 16452 of 22 Oct. 1999.
4. DISCUSSION. The revised statement transmits the essence of our policy governing the Coast Guard’s stewardship of the natural and built environment where we perform our multiple missions. It recognizes the duty to go beyond compliance in actively protecting the environment.
5. AVAILABILITY. Additional copies of the placard (Rev. 03/03) may be obtained from the Environmental Management Division (G-SEC-3).

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# **The Commandant's** **ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP** **CHALLENGE**

Long recognized as *America's Maritime Guardians*, the United States Coast Guard has an obligation to safeguard our nation's precious environment and natural resources. As an enforcer of environmental laws, we are uniquely positioned to exhibit strong leadership in environmental stewardship. Entrusted with this responsibility, I direct every Coast Guard member to recognize his or her individual role in enhancing mission performance through better operational planning and environmental management.

The American public expects us to protect the homeland in a manner consistent with our nation's environmental values. President George W. Bush said, "*Stewardship is the calling of government, and it is the calling of every citizen.*" As citizens and as members of the Coast Guard, we will rise to that challenge and be leaders in environmental stewardship. We will meet the President's plan of "*Greening the Government Through Leadership in Environmental Management*" by:

- a) **INSTITUTING** a program of integrated environmental management systems at our larger units by 2006, supported by senior management commitment and ensuring that environmental considerations are made part of day-to-day activities and decision-making;
- b) **INCORPORATING** rigorous environmental compliance programs that emphasize pollution prevention, which focus on front line acquisition and source reduction by establishing baselines and reducing use of specific designated hazardous materials by 50% by 2006;
- c) **PRIORITIZING** funding and resources for mission and support-related environmental needs; and,
- d) **PROMOTING** organizational Environmental Leadership and Stewardship at every level of the Coast Guard planning process.

I commit Team Coast Guard to ensure that environmental considerations are incorporated into all future actions and missions. Environmental Stewardship is essential to sustain the public's trust in the Coast Guard as a premier Homeland and Maritime Security agency. I challenge each Coast Guard employee, to make a strong commitment to excellence in environmental stewardship.

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