

Occupational Medical Surveillance and Evaluation Program Guidance to clarify ALCOAST 286/10 (Medical Guidance for CG Pers serving with the Gulf Region Response Ops)

References:

- A. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 04220Z JUN 10/ALCOAST 286/10
- B. MEDICAL MANUAL, COMDTINST M6000.1 (SERIES)
- C. SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANUAL, COMDTINST M5100.47 (SERIES)
- D. HEALTH CARE FOR COAST GUARD CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, COMDTINST 12792.3 (SERIES)

1. TO FURTHER CLARIFY REF A, OMSEP EXAMINATION AND ENROLLMENT CRITERIA ARE DELINEATED AS FOLLOWS (REF B, CHAPTER 12):

A. PERSONNEL WHO ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED FOR 30 OR MORE DAYS PER CALENDAR YEAR AT THEIR HOME UNIT IN THE FOLLOWING OCCUPATIONS SHOULD HAVE ALREADY BEEN ENROLLED IN OMSEP PRIOR TO THIS RESPONSE: RESIDENT INSPECTORS, POLLUTION INVESTIGATORS, MARINE SAFETY (GENERAL), PORT SAFETY (GENERAL), VESSEL INSPECTORS OR MARINE INVESTIGATORS AND FIRE FIGHTERS. THESE INDIVIDUALS SHALL ENSURE THAT THEIR OMSEP EXAMINATIONS ARE COMPLETE AND UP TO DATE PRIOR TO THEIR DEPLOYMENT TO THE FIELD.

B. FOR PERSONNEL WHO ARE NOT ASSIGNED IN ONE OF THE ABOVE CATEGORIES AS PART OF THEIR NORMAL DUTIES OR, DUE TO THEIR PRIMARY JOB ASSIGNMENT ARE NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN OMSEP, ENROLLMENT FOR THIS RESPONSE WILL BE BASED ON THEIR WORKSITE CHARACTERIZATION. QUANTITATIVE SAMPLING (E.G., AIR QUALITY, NOISE LEVELS, ETC.) SHALL BE USED TO DETERMINE IF THE CG MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE ACTION LEVEL (MSAL) OUTLINED IN REF B HAS BEEN REACHED. JOB TITLE, RANK OR RATE ALONE WILL NOT BE THE DETERMINING FACTOR AS TO WHETHER OR NOT AN INDIVIDUAL IS ENROLLED. ENROLLMENT WILL BE DETERMINED BY SAMPLING DATA WHICH IS THE PRIMARY AND DEFINITIVE MEANS TO CHARACTERIZE WORKSITE HEALTH HAZARDS. COAST GUARD HEALTH, SAFETY AND WORK-LIFE SUPPORT ACTIVITY DETACHED SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICERS (SEHOS), USING GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REF C, WILL ENSURE THAT THIS FUNCTION IS PERFORMED AND WILL COLLABORATE WITH OTHER SAFETY AND HEALTH PERSONNEL PERFORMING SITE ASSESSMENTS. SEHOS WILL ENSURE WORKSITES ARE CHARACTERIZED BY FREQUENCY, INTENSITY AND DURATION OF EXPOSURE, TYPES OF EXPOSURES, AND AFFECTED EXPOSURE GROUPS (SIMILAR EXPOSURE GROUPS - SEGS).

2. DEPLOYED COAST GUARD PERSONNEL WHO ARE CONCERNED THEY MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO HAZARDS REQUIRING FURTHER FOLLOW-UP SHOULD FILL OUT THE ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE SIGNIFICANT EVENT/ACUTE EXPOSURE (SE/AE) FORM (IAW REF B, CHAPTER 12). THE ELECTRONIC SE/AE EXPOSURE FORM CAN BE LOCATED ON THE CG INTRANET OMSEP WEBSITE (CALL LOCAL SEHO OR HSWL OFFICE POC (SEE BELOW) FOR ASSISTANCE).

3. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND AUXILIARY MEMBERS ON ORDERS ASSIGNED WITHIN THE AFFECTED AREA OR ON ORDERS TO RESPOND, ARE AUTHORIZED TO BE SEEN BY COAST GUARD HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FOR MEDICAL CONDITIONS ARISING DURING DEPLOYMENT PER REFS B AND D.

4. FOR QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THIS ALCOAST, CONTACT CDR TED CHIN, COMDT (CG-1133) AT (202) 340-7571 OR EMAIL EDWARD.H.CHIN(AT) USCG.MIL. FOR OPERATIONAL MEDICINE QUESTIONS, CONTACT CAPT MARIO FAJARDO (HSWL OPMED) AT (510) 637-1225 OR CDR JEFF SALVON-HARMAN (HSWL OPMED) AT (757) 628-4331. FOR SAFETY OR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH QUESTIONS, CONTACT LCDR JACOB WAMSLEY (HSWL SUPACT) AT (757) 628-4403.