From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NAVAL INSPECTOR GENERAL AND THE PRESIDENT, BOARD OF INSPECTION AND SURVEY

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5430.57G
     (b) SECNAVINST 5040.3A
     (c) OPNAVINST 4700.8H
     (d) OPNAVINST 4730.5Q
     (e) OPNAVINST 5420.70F

1. Purpose. To confirm the relationship between and provide guidance for the Naval Inspector General and President, Board of Inspection and Survey.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 9080.4B.

3. Discussion. Reference (a) directs the Naval Inspector General, inter alia, to inspect, investigate, or inquire into any and all matters of importance to the Department of the Navy, with particular emphasis on readiness. Reference (b) delineates the responsibilities for inspections within the Department of the Navy. References (c), (d), and (e) establish the requirements and procedures for trials and inspections of vessels by the Board of Inspection and Survey. Two of the factors that affect fleet readiness are the material condition of operating vessels and the proper and timely completion of new construction or conversion vessels. The purpose of this instruction is to specify additional procedures whereby the Naval Inspector General will be kept informed of readiness problems and take appropriate action.

4. Responsibilities
   
   a. President, Board of Inspection and Survey shall:

      (1) Furnish the Naval Inspector General with a copy, including all endorsements and records of actions thereon, of
all trial reports, inspection reports, and acceptance authorization letters and summaries of data regarding recurring material deficiencies.

(2) Immediately notify the Naval Inspector General of any circumstances which seriously affect the material condition of vessels presented for trials or material inspections.

(3) Personally brief the Naval Inspector General, at least annually, on all fleet material condition issues.

b. Fleet Commanders, System Commanders and Type Commanders shall: Make the Naval Inspector General an information addressee on all correspondence concerning corrections of major defects reported during Board of Inspection and Survey material inspections, surveys, and or trials.

c. Naval Inspector General shall: Review Board of Inspection and Survey reports, summaries of recurring material deficiencies, and special reports of major deficiencies and problems and take such action as deemed appropriate.

5. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.

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