From: Chief of Naval Operations

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

1. **Purpose.** To confirm the relationship between and provide guidance for the Naval Inspector General and President, Board of Inspection and Survey. This revision removes the requirement for President, Board of Inspection and Survey to send copies of reports to the Naval Inspector General. This instruction should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. **Cancellation.** OPNAVINST 9080.4C.

3. **Applicability.** This instruction applies to the Naval Inspector General, President of the Board of Inspection and Survey, fleet commanders, systems commanders, and type commanders with respect to material condition findings of the Board of Inspection and Survey.

4. **Discussion.** Reference (a) directs the Naval Inspector General, among other things, 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**

      (1) Immediately notify the Naval Inspector General of any circumstances that seriously affect the material condition of vessels presented for trials or material inspections.
(2) Personally brief the Naval Inspector General, at least annually, on all fleet material condition issues.

b. Fleet Commanders, System Commanders, and Type Commanders. 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, or trials.

c. Naval Inspector General. 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

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of the Navy Directorate for Administration, Logistics, and Operations, Directives and Records Management Division portal page at https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the Department of the Navy Directorate for Administration, Logistics, and Operations, Directives and Records Management Division program office.

6. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, Director, Navy Staff will review this instruction annually around the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, Secretary of the Navy, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 10 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim, and will be reissued by the 10-year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in OPNAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the need for cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.

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