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EMPLOYEE REPORTS OF UNSAFE OR UNHEALTHFUL WORKING CONDITIONS

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6. IMMINENT DANGER

Imminent danger is a hazard that may cause death, or loss of a facility. In cases of imminent danger, an appropriate management official shall stop all work affected by the imminent danger condition. All personnel shall immediately be removed from exposure to the imminent danger environment. Personnel required for abatement action may enter the imminent danger environment, provided they have adequate protection from the specific safety, fire, or health threat present. Imminent danger situations shall be brought to the immediate attention of supervisory personnel and Code 106.

7. POSTING OF NOTICES

In all cases where Shipyard employees are exposed to unsafe or unhealthful working conditions, which are verified by the safety or health official as being serious, a notice advising employees of the unsafe or unhealthful working condition shall be posted by the safety or health official in the immediate vicinity of the hazardous condition using the form contained in (Enclosure 3). These notices shall not be removed until the unsafe or unhealthful condition has been abated or for three working days, whichever is longer. Code 106 shall retain a copy of all notices five years after abatement.

8. RESPONSIBILITIES

8.1 Department and office heads shall:

- a. Encourage participation in the prompt identification, correction, and reporting of unsafe or unhealthful working conditions.
- b. Emphasize strict adherence to the specified reporting procedures and chain of command requirements. Reports or appeals which by-pass the established procedures will be returned to the originator, thereby delaying prompt action on the report.
- c. Protect the identity of the person making a report if that person does not want his or her name revealed.
- d. Ensure that their employees are not subject to restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal by virtue of their participation in the Occupational Safety and Health Program.