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To: Commandants, All Naval Districts (less 10, 14 and 16).
All Supervisors of Shipbuilding, USN.

Subj: "Minimum Requirements for Safety and Industrial Health in Contract Shipyards."

Ref: (a) SECNAV's Ltr. BUCHD-1D-CB 2/27 1907 of 4 Mar. 1943.
(b) SECNAV's Ltr. BUCHD-1D-CB 4/22 901 of 5 May 1943.
(c) "Minimum Requirements for Safety and Industrial Health in Contract Shipyards" approved by the U.S. Maritime Commission, 9 Feb. 1943, and by the U.S. Navy, 20 Jan. 1943.
(d) List of major private shipyards holding primary BUCHDPS contracts and approved for the Safety and Health Program.

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- (A) Copy of ref. (a).
- (B) Copy of ref. (b).
- (C) Copy of ref. (d).

1. References (a) and (b) direct the Chiefs of all Bureaus to cooperate with the Maritime Commission in Safety and Industrial Health Program for contract shipyards holding Navy and/or Maritime contracts. The Maritime Commission has been charged by the Introductory page of reference (c) with the administrative direction of this program.

2. The Bureau requests Supervisors of Shipbuilding at plants tabulated in reference (c), to afford the Maritime Commission Inspectors, engaged in the Safety and Industrial Health Program, full cooperation, and to require contractors of plants to be inspected by representatives of the Maritime Commission to adopt, in principle, the "Minimum Requirements" as outlined in reference (c). Some of these requirements will necessarily have to be modified and adapted to local conditions. Matters of question may be held in abeyance pending the formal inspection by the Maritime Commission.

3. The Maritime Commission is acting as the Navy's agent in furtherance of safety and health in important shipyards having Navy contracts. Authority for action on defects or deficiencies, the correction of which will involve increased cost to the Government, shall be obtained from the Chief of the Bureau of Ships.

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