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### COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY STATEMENT CONCERNING OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (OSH)

1. The purpose of this letter is to state command policy and my personal support for an aggressive OSH program for Naval Hospital Lemoore.
2. The Navy has a long-standing policy of concern for the well being of its personnel. Mission achievement can be enhanced through prudent application of risk management and loss control programs. As a management tool, the OSH effort will prevent, reduce, and control losses while improving efficiency and quality. We can better meet the needs of our patients, staff, employees, contractor personnel, and members of the public when we each accept responsibility for incorporating OSH into our planning and operating procedures.
3. Additionally, it is the expressed policy of the Congress and the President of the United States, Department of Defense, Department of the Navy, Chief of Naval Operations, and the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery that we provide employment and places of employment free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm. Every manager, supervisor, and employee shall enforce and comply with requirements of the Navy's Occupational Safety and Health Program (NAVOSH). Supervisors, especially, must promote an active interest in safety among the persons they supervise, an effort that requires personal involvement, demonstrated interest and continuing emphasis. It is essential each individual be motivated and trained to be safety conscious.
4. Interested personnel may review the command's OSH program by contacting the Safety Manager. Various safety and health codes and standards, records of the Environment of Care Group meetings, annual reports, NAVOSH employee protection programs, formal deficiency abatement program and comprehensive industrial hygiene annual surveys are available for inspection.
5. Your continued support and interest in providing a safe workplace and the implementation of my policies on safety will undoubtedly make Naval Hospital Lemoore a safer environment for all.

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