



## **INTERIM POLICY FOR FLEET INSPECTION**

The Fleet Inspection Team (FIT) has inspected half the fleet. A few issues have been raised that require clarification.

1. The *Inspection Criteria Reference* (ICR) replaces the outdated NOAA Instruction 5100 and establishes the compliance standards for fleet inspections.
2. OMAO Leadership understands that fully meeting all ICR requirements may be beyond the control of the Command at this time. Development of an effective ICR is an iterative process and requires calibration through implementation. Input from the ship is a critical component of the improvement of the ICR. The FIT is using the results of this year's inspection to tailor ship specific ICR requirements, reducing the time to prepare and conduct future inspections. Data collected during this year's inspections will help define the scope of the Safety, Security and Environmental Policy.
3. The fleet inspections conducted this year are testing the range and effectiveness of the ICR, and are not being graded. However the scope of the inspection has not changed and all other aspects of OMAO Procedure 0251-01 will be followed.

A Safety, Security and Environmental Policy for the NOAA Fleet is currently in development. This policy will establish the regulations and standards that NOAA ships will meet. The ICR will become the tools to measure compliance to the policy. In the interim, your positive support of the FIT will result in an improved fleet inspection process.



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