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From: Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command

Subj: NAVSEA/NAVSHIPYD/SUPSHIP/FLEET/DCMA/CONTRACTOR  
NONDESTRUCTIVE TEST WORKING GROUP

Encl: (1) 22-24 April 2003 Nondestructive Testing (NDT) Working  
Group Report

1. The NAVSEA/NAVSHIPYD/SUPSHIP/FLEET/DCMA/CONTRACTOR NDT Working Group was hosted by the Nondestructive Test Division, Quality Assurance Department, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) in Honolulu, Hawaii, 22 through 24 April 2003. The objective of the NDT working group were to resolve common quality issues, introduce new NDT technology and focus on NDT issues of interest. The integration and participation of NAVSEA, Naval Shipyards, SUPSHIP, Fleet and private industry representatives were instrumental in the success of this work group.

2. The work group report is forwarded for your information as enclosure (1), and will be forwarded to all attendees and interested parties. Distribution of this report to those not in attendance is encouraged. In addition, working group information is located on the Supervisor of Shipbuilding Website: [www.supship.navy.mil](http://www.supship.navy.mil), find Community Links and select the QA Website and then select NDT Working Group.

3. The next NDT working group has been scheduled for May 2004 and will be hosted by Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division. Specific details will be promulgated on the above Website when available.

4. The working group report addresses the shipbuilding and ship repair NDT community as a whole. Information, positions and policies gleaned from the work group should not be considered determinate of individual questions, issues, and cases; and shall not be considered as authorizing any change in Government contracts.

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5. Any additional information and/or questions should be directed to Mr. Ron Flaherty, NAVSEA 04XQ1R, at (360) 476-4238 (DSN 439-4238) or email FlahertyRT@NAVSEA.navy.mil.



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Nondestructive Test Division, Quality Assurance Department, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility hosted the 3rd Annual NDT Working Group conference, 22-24 April 2003, at the Outrigger Reef Hotel, Waikiki, Hawaii. Mr. Larry Hand, PHNSY & IMF was the event host and Mr. Ron Flaherty, NAVSEA 04XQ1R was the chairman. Mr. Greg Ewell, NAVSEA 04XQ, Mr. Flaherty, Mr. Randy Sawyer, Quality Assurance Department Head, PHNSY & IMF and Mr. Hand made opening remarks.

Mr. Sawyer welcomed the working group to Hawaii. Mr. Ewell encouraged active participation during the conference and emphasized the importance of the NDT working group. Mr. Flaherty also stated that if this conference were to be a success, communication would be the key. Ron issued a call to begin considering presentations for next years conference, stating the continued success of the conference is directly related to the issues or concerns presented. The origination and the charter of the group were discussed. There were no changes recommended to the charter.

Overall, approximately 60 attendees took part in the working group. The decline in attendance can be attributed the current real-world situation that prevented several registered members from attending. Included were representatives from Naval Sea Systems Command, Naval Shipyards, Supervisors of Shipbuilding, Defense Contract Management Agency, Fleet Activities and Contractors who apply NAVSEA Technical Publication 271.

Each action item from the 2002 working group was individually addressed. Action items were either complete or forward as a new action item for the 2004 working group.

The next NDT working group has been scheduled for 18-20 May 2004, and will be hosted by Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division, West Bethesda, MD.