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From: Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command

Subj: NONDESTRUCTIVE TEST (NDT) WORKING GROUP - FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS AND INVITATION TO ATTEND

Ref: (a) NAVSEA Technical Publication T9074-AS-GIB-010/271,
Requirements for Nondestructive Testing Methods

1. You are cordially invited to participate in a working group of NDT representatives who apply reference (a) in procurement, construction, maintenance or overhaul of Naval Ships.
2. Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division, will host this year's NDT Working Group. The conference will convene at 9500 MacArthur Boulevard, West Bethesda, Maryland during the period 4-6 May 2004. Working group information is located on the Supervisor of Shipbuilding Website:
<http://www.supship.navy.mil>, find Community Links and select the QA Website, then select NDT Working Group. A complete agenda and other pertinent information will be posted 30 days before the start of the NDT Working Group. On-line registration is now available.
3. The NDT Working Group is affiliated with and sanctioned by the NAVSEA/NAVSHIPYD/SUPSHIP/CONTRACTOR QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) Workshop. Similar to the QA group's objective to resolve common quality issues, the NDT group will focus on NDT training, qualification, certification and performance monitoring, state-of-the-art processes and equipment, NDT-related NAVSEA specifications, standardization of NDT processes, best practices, lessons learned, technical issues, and action items assigned at the 2003 NDT Working Group. Therefore, it is essential and recommended that participants have detailed working knowledge of the NDT processes (i.e., NDT examiners, NDT technical support personnel, etc.).
4. Diversified participation is a necessary ingredient for the success of this working group. With this in mind, contractor participation is an essential element. Government activities are requested to invite contractors under their cognizance to attend. All activities are encouraged to participate by

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attending and presenting issues for discussion. Please forward proposed agenda items or presentations to the working group host and NAVSEA 04XQ1R 30 days before the scheduled working group meeting.

5. Because this event is not being held at a hotel, rooms have not been reserved at any particular hotel. The following web link provides information concerning the Carderock facility: <http://www.dt.navy.mil/div/visitor/westbethesda.html>. Through the link you should have access to information concerning "Directions and Site Information", "Getting Around the Area," and "Other Location Information" (where several area hotels are listed). Please make reservations early, as many events take place around the Washington Metro area throughout the year.

6. If you have questions or comments, the working group's point of contacts are Dr. Kirsten Lipetzky, DSN 287-5074 or commercial (301) 227-5074, LipetzkyKG@nswccd.navy.mil and Mr. Ron Flaherty (NAVSEA 04XQ1R), DSN 439-4238 or commercial (360) 476-4238, FlahertyRT@navsea.navy.mil.



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