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SUBJECT: DoD Representative for Ocean Policy Affairs

Effective immediately, Vice Admiral James W. Houck, JAGC, U.S. Navy, is the DoD Representative for Ocean Policy Affairs (REPOPA). The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy will provide specific oversight and appropriate support. Rear Admiral Nanette M. DeRenzi, JAGC, U.S. Navy, will be Vice Admiral Houck's principal assistant and serve as the Deputy DoD REPOPA. These appointments have been made after consultation with, and concurrence of, the Secretary of the Navy, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Chief of Naval Operations.

The terms of reference prescribing the duties of the DoD REPOPA are attached.

Vice Admiral Houck will continue to serve as the Judge Advocate General (JAG) of the Navy, and Rear Admiral DeRenzi will continue to serve as Deputy JAG.

This memorandum replaces the one on this subject dated September 14, 2006.

Attachment:
As stated



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DUTIES OF THE DoD REPRESENTATIVE FOR OCEAN POLICY AFFAIRS

1. The DoD Representative for Ocean Policy Affairs (REPOPA) will, as directed, serve as the DoD representative to international and interagency meetings, negotiations, and conferences involving ocean policy matters.

2. Additionally, REPOPA will:

a. Serve as the central point of contact for analysis of ocean policy matters within DoD.

b. Monitor trends in ocean and maritime policy and develop DoD positions to enhance the positive development of ocean and maritime policy.

c. As directed, maintain liaison with foreign officials on ocean and maritime policy affairs to influence positively the development of ocean and maritime policy.

d. Compile, catalog, and disseminate current information on foreign maritime claims and developments in ocean and maritime policy that affect military operations to all affected DoD activities on a regular basis.

e. Monitor and coordinate the implementation of the Freedom of Navigation Program.

f. Provide staff advice and assistance to Office of the Secretary of Defense and, upon request, to the Joint Staff on ocean policy and maritime matters.

g. Serve as an interagency point of contact for coordination of technical matters relating to ocean policy and maritime matters.

3. The REPOPA will be guided in the exercise of these duties by the Secretary of Defense (through the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy) and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Strategic Affairs and the Director, Strategic Plans and Policy Division (J-5) are REPOPA's primary points of contact for matters relating to this appointment.