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SUBJECT: Reducing Preventable Accidents

In response to the June 22, 2006, SECDEF memorandum, "Reducing Preventable Accidents," I am directing the changes below to influence the entire life cycle of systems.

The Acquisition & Technology Programs Task Force will develop a process to provide the DoD Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System with recommendations that have the potential to cost effectively prevent accidents. These inputs should include all aspects of the MIL-STD-882D System Safety process.

Effective immediately, all Acquisition Program Reviews and fielding decisions, regardless of the Acquisition Category, shall address the status of: each High and Serious risk using the MIL-STD-882D System Safety methodology; and compliance with applicable safety technology requirements, e.g., insensitive munitions. The next revision to DoDI 5000.2, "Operation of the Defense Acquisition System," will incorporate this change.

DoD Components will include in all system-related Class A and B mishap investigation reports the system program office analysis of hazards that contributed to the accident and recommendations for materiel risk mitigation measures, especially those that minimize potential human errors. The next revision to DoDI 6055.7, "Accident Investigation, Reporting, and Record Keeping," will incorporate this change.

Successful implementation of these changes will contribute significantly to achieving the SECDEF's direction to reduce preventable accidents.


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