APPENDIX D

ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES AWARDS PROGRAM

1 Chief of Naval Operations Navy Environmental Awards Program

The CNO Environmental and Natural Resources Awards program was created to reward outstanding performance in promoting environmental quality, natural resources conservation, and protection and enhancement of human health. By presenting awards, the Navy recognizes organizations and people who have made significant contributions in those areas.

Awards are presented for work in Natural Resources Conservation, Cultural Resources Management, Environmental Quality, Pollution Prevention, Environmental Excellence in Weapon System Acquisition, Environmental Cleanup, and Environmental Planning. Ships, installations, and individuals or teams may compete. Up to three winners may be named for each category. "Honorable mention" will be awarded on a case-by-case basis. CNO winners are forwarded for competition in the Secretary of the Navy Environmental Awards program. SECNAV winners advance to the Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards competition if there is an equivalent category. (No ship categories exist at the DOD level. Additionally, DOD has a 2 year cycle for its competition with 17 award categories. Eight awards are presented 1 year and nine the subsequent year.)

Due to the alternating cycle of the DOD awards competition and updating of the other awards programs, competition guidance will be issued on an annual basis. Navy activities should look for the Call for Nominations in August and follow the directions contained therein. The Call for Nominations will be issued via Naval message from CNO(N45) to the major claimants. Specific guidance for compiling award packages will be disseminated by letter to Echelon 2 commands and major claimants and by Naval message. The guidance will also be posted on the CNO(N45) website at www.enviro.navy.mil/N45.