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NOAA DIVING SAFETY BULLETIN #86-2

MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL NOAA DIVERS

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SUBJECT: Testing of Submersible Pressure Gauges

TESTING OF SUBMERSIBLE PRESSURE GAUGES

Submersible Pressure Gauges (SPGs) are important enough as safety equipment to require that their accuracy be tested on a regular basis. To this end, the NOAA Diving Program (NDP) is distributing Submersible Pressure Gauge Testers (PGT) to all units.

All SPGs in use will be tested under the following circumstances:

- Annually (at the minimum)
- Any time the SPG's accuracy is suspect
- After and SPG has been repaired
- Prior to using a new SPG
- After anSPG has been exposed to unusual shock
- Any time there is a diving incident, all SPGs involved shall be tested and the results included in the UDS's report.

SPGs should be tested before major diving operations and before units leave for the field season.

All SPGs will be tested at NDP classes, both to ensure safe equipment for the class, and to train the students in the use of the PGTs.

Defective SPGs must be repaired and retested, or replaced. The NDP requests that any SPGs that are beyond repair be sent to this office for study.

Any question concerning the procedure for using PGT's should be addressed to Steve Urick, Diving Equipment Specialist, NDP (FTS 443-8007). Call him if there are any questions about a PGT's accuracy and arrangements can be made for a calibration or trade.

Unit Diving Supervisors are directed to ensure that each NOAA diver in their unit is given access to this bulletin. Any information that has an impact upon the safety of NOAA divers should be brought to the attention of the NOAA Diving Coordinator by the fastest possible means.

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