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NOAA DIVING SAFETY BULLETIN #98-01

MEMORANDUM FOR: All NOAA Divers

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SUBJECT: Physical Examination Frequency

Effective this date, the frequency requirement for NOAA diving physical examinations is changed from annual to the following intervals based on age:

Up to Age thirty five (35) - Once every three (3) years

Age thirty five (35) to fifty (50) - Once every two (2) years

Age fifty (50) and above - Annually

Physical requirement are unchanged and must be completed on the newest versions of the SF-88, Report of Medical Examination and SF-93, Report of Medical History.

Upon receipt of the completed medical documents/results from examining physicians, divers are responsible for distribution of these forms to the NOAA Diving Center through the Unit Diving Supervisors. Original forms shall be retained by individuals for personal records or to provide additional copies.

If you have any questions regarding this change, contact LCDR Frank Wood at (206) 526-6196.