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From: Chief of Naval Operations  
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Subj: AIR INSTALLATIONS COMPATIBLE USE ZONES (AICUZ) PROGRAM

Ref: (a) DODINST 4165.57 of 8 Nov 77, Air Installations Compatible  
Use Zones  
(b) SECNAVINST 11010.11 of 22 May 78, Air Installations  
Compatible Use Zones  
(c) Noise Control Act of 1972, 42 U.S.C. 4901 {et Seq.}

Encl: (1) AICUZ Program Procedures and Guidelines

1. Purpose. To revise Department of the Navy policy, procedures and guidelines for implementation of references (a) and (b), and to establish centers of excellence on the east and west coasts of the United States. This instruction provides guidance from the Chief of Naval Operations, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFACENGCOM), responsible for management of the AICUZ Program.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 11010.36A.

3. Background. Reference (c) requires Federal agencies and State and local governments to develop measures to control the harmful effects of noise on people. The Department of Defense initiated the Air Installations Compatible Use Zones (AICUZ) program to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare and to prevent encroachment from degrading the operational capability of military air installations in meeting national security. The AICUZ program recommends land uses that will be compatible with noise levels, accident potential and obstruction clearance criteria associated with military airfield operations. Program implementation procedures for the Navy and Marine Corps are contained in enclosure (1).

4. Discussion. The foundation of the AICUZ program is an active local command effort to work with local, State, regional, other Federal agencies, and community leaders to encourage compatible development of land adjacent to military airfields. The Department of the Navy is particularly susceptible to such encroachment with many of its installations located in high growth urban areas. The AICUZ process

involves four basic steps:

a. Develop, and periodically update, a study for each air installation to quantify aircraft noise zones and identify accident potential zones; develop a noise reduction strategy for impacted lands, both on and off the installation; prepare a compatible land use plan for the installation and surrounding areas; and develop a strategy to promote compatible development on land within these areas.

b. Develop a prospective long-term (5 to 10 years) AICUZ analysis to illustrate impact on known future missions and how it will be implemented by the AICUZ program.

c. Implement the AICUZ plan for the installation including coordination with federal, state and local officials to maintain public awareness of AICUZ.

d. Identify and program property rights acquisition and sound suppression projects when appropriate in critical areas, where action to achieve compatibility within AICUZ program guidelines through local land use controls is either impossible or has been attempted and proven unsuccessful.

5. Applicability. These procedures apply to all Navy and Marine Corps airfields within the confines of the United States, its territories, trusts and possessions. AICUZ studies, or portions thereof, may be developed for U.S. activities in foreign countries if such action supports host nation policy for protecting the operational capabilities of those activities, and for on-base facility planning goals.

6. Action. Addressees shall comply with the procedures outlined herein.

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Deputy Chief of Naval Operations  
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