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MEMORANDUM FOR: Peter Wixted
Department Environmental Manager

FROM: Captain John C. Clary, NOAA
Commanding Officer, Marine Operations Center-Pacific

SUBJECT: Environmental Management System Self-Declaration Statement

I am pleased to inform you that we have determined that MOC-P's environmental management system (EMS) conforms to the requirements of Section 401 of Executive Order 13148. This determination is based upon an external second-party audit conducted in accordance with the Department's Environmental Management Manual and NOAA's draft Self-Declaration Protocol. The audit was completed May 18, 2005. The audit included all elements of the NOAA EMS self-declaration questionnaire and reported only minor findings that we are working to correct. There were no class 0 or class 1 findings that would prevent MOC-P from self-declaring our EMS. A copy of the EMS audit report outlining findings and our plan of action to correct these findings are attached.

MOC-P operated the EMS for one full cycle that included an internal audit and management review. The second-party auditors met all training and certification requirements and the audit was structured and conducted to address the requirements of ISO 14001, Code of Environmental Management Principles, and Executive Order 13148.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (206) 553-7656 or the EMS Manager, James Schell, at (206) 553-0121.

Attachments