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NOAA CORPS ADVISORY 0402

Subject: Awards: Cash Awards for NOAA Corps Officers, Renaming NSAA and NOAA Form 56-63

Reference: NCD 12 Part 7 – Awards Attachment 2

1. PURPOSE: This Advisory draws attention to Chapter 12, Part 7 of the NOAA Corps Directives which disallows NOAA Commissioned officers from receiving cash for performance through the NOAA Special Achievement Award (NSAA). Effective 19 April 2004, NOAA Corps officers are no longer authorized to receive cash awards with the awarding of the NSAA. Furthermore, the NSAA has been renamed the NOAA Corps Achievement Medal (NCAM). These changes align the NOAA Corps awards structure with other Uniformed Services. The NOAA Corps Awards Board has created and received approval for NOAA Form 56-63 – Recommendation for Award.
2. ACTION: All new submissions for the NOAA Corps Medals and Director's Ribbon must be submitted on the NOAA Form 56-63. The Commerce Department Form 326 will no longer be accepted. The new form is located at the NOAA forms website or the Commissioned Personnel Center website.
3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED: N/A
4. DISCUSSION: Questions regarding this Advisory are to be directed to Lieutenant Commander Raymond Slagle, (301) 713-3444.

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