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**MEMORANDUM**

From: Director, NAVFAC Criteria Office

To: Distribution

Subj: INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE

Ref: (a) Planning and Design Policy (PDP) Statement 95-02

(b) International Mechanical Code, 1998

(c) International Mechanical Code Commentary 1996

Encl: (1) NAVFAC 11012/9 (5-90), Engineering and Design Criteria Review Comment Sheet

1. Reference (a) provides background information and establishes policy for adopting reference (b) as NAVFAC's single mechanical code. The new mechanical code is published by the three accepted code preparing bodies in the United States; the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. (BOCA), the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO), and the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc. (SBCCI). These three bodies, cooperating through the auspices of the International Code Council (ICC), have been working toward a single building code since 1991-coordinating the format, terminology, and technical requirements of their respective existing codes.

2. This office is purchasing single copies of references (b) and (c) for each addressee and copy-to addressee. They will be forwarded as soon as they arrive. Reference (c) includes the full text of the 1996 IMC, with additional illustrations, and discussions of the IMC, based upon the 1996 version. The Commentary is usually published one year after the code is issued; thus, the 1998 International Mechanical Code Commentary is not expected until 1999.

3. NORTHNAVFACENGCOM is drafting criteria adopting the International Mechanical Code and any necessary supplemental Non-Governmental Standards (NGS). Minimal Navy/DOD standards that are necessary will also be provided. This will be in the format of additions and deletions to the IMC, with additional supplementary information as needed. The intent is to replace the existing Military Handbook (MIL-HDBK) 1003/3, "Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning, and Dehumidifying Systems".

4. Begin using the new IMC immediately. Use MIL-HDBK-1003/3 as supplemental guidance until it is replaced. We need your feedback as you begin to use the new code and become familiar with it. Please review the IMC and Commentary and give us your feedback and recommendations. Submit your comments on enclosure (1) to:

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Attn: Tom Harris, NAVFAC Criteria Office  
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5. The Guide Specifications Division and various Preparing Activities will review the affected guide specifications and revise them as appropriate. The revised specifications will be available on the Construction Criteria Base (CCB).

6. Reference (a) is available on CCB #43, Documents Library, NAVFAC Criteria, Planning and Design Policy (PDP) Statements, "Use of Building Codes", dated 2/1/95 on Disk D. References (b) and (c), the IMC and IMC Commentary, are each currently available for approximately \$50.00 per copy from the following:

Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc.  
4051 West Flossmoor Road  
Country Club Hills, IL 60478-5795  
Telephone: 708-799-2300

International Conference of Building Officials  
5360 Workman Mill Road  
Whittier, CA 90601-2298  
Telephone: 310-699-0541

Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc.  
900 Montclair Road  
Birmingham, AL 35213-1206  
Telephone: 205-591-1855

7. For further information on this, contact Tom Harris at 757-322-4206, DSN 262-4206, Fax 757-322-4416, or Internet address at *harristj@efdlant.navfac.navy.mil*.

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