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SUBJECT: Technician I Certifications - Hawaii

1. References:

a. Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board (DDESB) Technical Paper (TP) 18, subject: Minimum Qualifications for Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Technicians and Personnel, dated 20 Dec 04.

b. University of Hawaii (UH) letter, dated 2 Jul 12, reference: Affiliation Agreement with the University of Hawaii System.

2. This letter applies only to personnel who attended an Unexploded Ordnance Technician I (UXOTI) Training Courses conducted by Native Hawaiian Environmental Services, LLC (NHES) between 31 Jul 09 and 30 Jun 12, and who have demonstrated occupational competence by performing satisfactorily the duties of a UXOTI (Ref 1.a., paragraphs C2.1.1. and C2.1.2.) during munitions responses or range clearance activities for a minimum of six months.

3. Further, this letter negates the requirement for training by an accredited institution of higher learning found in DDESB TP 18, paragraph C3.1.2.'s requirement (Ref 1.b.) for personnel who meet the above criteria. This is a one-time amendment applicable only to this situation.

4. This one-time amendment is based on the below:

a. UH terminated its agreement with NHES after 31 Jul 09. UH based its termination on conflicts with Mr. Johnson, NHES, not the sufficiency of NHES' training program.

b. UH indicated that it obtained accreditation of the UXOTI Training Course NHES conducted based on lesson plans and other required material prepared and submitted by NHES. UH also indicated that to the best of its knowledge NHES did not alter the

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course content after UH withdrew.

c. UXOTI who have satisfactorily demonstrated occupational competence in the performance of the responsibilities of a UXOTI (Ref 1.a., paragraphs C2.1.1. and C2.1.2.) for at least six months during munitions response actions and/or range clearance activities contracted by and under oversight of a DoD Component are considered to have met the intent of TP 18.

d. Personnel who attended a NHES-conducted UXOTI Training Course conducted between 31 Jul 09 and 30 Jun 12 and who have not yet performed as a UXOTI will need to either attend an accredited UXOTI Training Courses course or satisfactorily complete a comprehensive UXOTI competency assessment. The assessment must include a practical evaluation of skills required by TP-18 paragraph C3.2.20. and result in an award of a UXOTI training certificate from an accredited institution of higher (see TP 18, paragraph C3.1.2.).

5. The primary points of contact for this matter are COL Leo Bradley, US Army Military Representative to the DDESB, (571) 372-6765 or leo.e.bradley.mil@mail.mil; and CDR Shaunna Corcoran, Navy Representative to the DDESB (571) 372-6761 or email shaunna.m.corcoran.mil@mail.mil.



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