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STATEMENT

USCG Healy WAGB-20 Dive Mishap

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My assignment in [REDACTED] includes the duties as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. As a program manager it is my responsibility to provide oversight and support for the three icebreakers home-ported in Seattle, Washington. These ships are the Polar Star, Polar Sea and Healy. I currently have a staff of three, one officer (O-2) and two GS-13 civilians. My primary duties at PACAREA include:

1. Program budget overview and analysis
2. Operations review and authorization
3. Personnel support
4. Certification coordination for the fleet
 - a. Aviation
 - b. Science support equipment
 - c. Personnel i.e. MST qualification on equipment
5. Training overview and support
 - a. CART, TSTA, TRAV, LTT
 - b. Aviation
 - i. Stan visits
 - ii. NAVAIR AvCert
6. Science coordination
 - a. NSF direct coordination
 - b. PI interaction regarding schedules, deployment and work aboard ship
 - c. Logistics coordination for personnel and equipment
 - d. Outreach both scientific and educational
7. Liaison Duties in the Antarctic
 - a. PACAREA representative to NSF
 - b. Ship support officer to the Air Force
 - c. Ships' Agent to all afloat traffic
 - d. Logistics coordinator for CG assets

In the normal course of work my staff and I have a limited involvement with most shipboard/unit operations other than that directly related to science activities and support. My staff does on occasion communicate with the MSTs on science-related matters. Since LT Hill held the position as "Science Officer" aboard the Healy, we would interact on occasion in the normal course of our duties. However, the interaction and oversight would be strictly limited to science operations, and support for technical training of MST personnel aboard the ship.

ENCLOSURE (24)

With regard to the diving mishap aboard the Healy, PACAREA does not provide program oversight in that area. Because the dive program is a unit program that does not reach beyond the ship other than training or funding, it would not generally involve PACAREA. We do, however, provide technical oversight on occasion with the assistance of HQ when science considerations or specific science equipment needs are required. Because PACAREA does not maintain any dive expertise, we do not become involved with any dive-specific training or inspection requirements without first engaging the HQ program element.



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