

Acquisition Update: Coast Guard Accepts 17th HC-144A Ocean Sentry

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The Coast Guard accepted delivery of the 17th HC-144A Ocean Sentry Maritime Patrol Aircraft March 20, 2014, at the Airbus Military factory in Seville, Spain. When the newest Ocean Sentry arrives in the United States, the Coast Guard will induct it into the Aviation Configuration Management System at the Coast Guard Aviation Logistics Center, Elizabeth City, N.C.

This is the second of three Ocean Sentries planned to be delivered in 2014. All three of these HC-144As eventually will be based out of Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas. The service currently operates Ocean Sentries at Coast Guard Air Stations Cape Cod, Mass., Mobile, Ala., and Miami, Fla.



Seville, Spain – Members of the Coast Guard’s acceptance team were on hand to accept delivery of the 17th HC-144A Ocean Sentry. The aircraft will be one of three Ocean Sentries operating from Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas. U.S. Coast Guard photo.

The Ocean Sentry is a derivative of the EADS/Airbus Military CN235-300M used around the world. As configured for Coast Guard operations, it includes cockpit instruments and controls that reduce crew workload and enhance situational awareness. The HC-144A’s roll-on/roll-off Mission System Pallet is equipped with tactical communications and contact monitoring workstations that enable crews to collect and transmit information with operational commanders in real time and over long distances. The Ocean Sentry is equipped with a rear ramp, allowing crews to configure the aircraft to meet varying needs, including medical evacuation or passenger and freight transport.