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1. REF (A) outlines the Coast Guard's Safe Homes Initiative (SHI), a service-wide effort to ensure Coast Guard housing is compliant with federal environmental health standards. These include the new standards for lead dust that took effect in January 2020.
2. REF (B) provides an update and additional guidance to the field for assignment year 2020. The guidance allows Area Housing Authorities, in certain circumstances, the ability to request a waiver to assign at-risk families to Coast Guard owned housing units that were pending their environmental risk assessment.
3. The purpose of this SITREP is to update the workforce on SHI progress. To date, the Coast Guard has funded \$4.8M in AFC-30 for SHI, including \$2.5M for the contracted state certified environmental risk assessments for all 1,158 Coast Guard owned homes constructed prior to 1979. Of these 1,148 assessments have been completed and all results have been received. The 10 remaining assessments are delayed due to COVID-19 travel restrictions and are expected to be completed in January 2021.
4. Assessment results receive a multi-layered review, after which the homes are determined to be 1) within federal standards/Safe for Occupancy or 2) outside federal standards and requiring corrective action. The corrective action can either be a one or two-step process that results in abatement of the environmental risk assessment finding within 1 to 3 years, in accordance with the Coast Guard's Safety and Environmental Health Manual, COMDTINST M5100.47 (series).
5. In all cases the results are promptly shared with residents, and additional information or guidance is provided by the local command. In cases where homes are outside federal standards, the decision to relocate a family - either temporarily or permanently - is carefully considered and every effort is made to prevent any hardship or disruption. To date, only 13 families have been permanently relocated.
6. As assessments are completed and corrective action requirements are identified and prioritized, corrective action project planning and contracting efforts are swiftly executed. In FY20, \$1M in AFC-43 funding was obligated for abatement at TRACEN Petaluma housing and interim controls at Novato housing, STA Umpqua River housing, and USCGA housing. The recently passed FY21 Enacted Appropriation includes \$8M in AFC-43 Depot Level Maintenance funding and \$2.5M in Environmental Compliance and Restoration (EC&R) funding to address SHI findings. This is in addition to the FY21 AFC-43 and EC&R annual appropriation allows COMDT (CG-4) to address SHI findings without impacting approved projects. FY21 SHI corrective action projects are in different stages of planning and execution to support families at Base Cape Cod, Base Borinquen Detachment, Base Alameda, TRACEN Petaluma, Base Seattle, Base Kodiak and the USCG Academy.
7. The completion of the vast majority of assessments and the prompt execution of corrective actions demonstrates the conscientiousness and commitment of stakeholders at all levels of the Coast Guard. Most notably, CG Personnel Service Center, the Area Housing

Authorities/Officers and the field commanders demonstrated their unwavering commitment to the health and safety of our members and their families by keeping SHI a top priority while successfully navigating the potential roadblocks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

8. Continued transparency and effective communications are imperative throughout this process and we welcome your questions to the Safe Homes Initiative e-mail address monitored by CGHQ housing staff at: HQS-SMB-CG-Housing@uscg.mil.

9. For policy questions, contact COMDT (CG-1333) at: HQS-SMB-CG-Housing@uscg.mil.

10. RADM P.F. Thomas, Deputy for Personnel Readiness (DCMS-DPR) and RADM K.E. Lunday, Deputy for Material Readiness (DCMS-DMR), send.

11. Internet release is authorized.