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Subj: CHEMICAL HAZARD RESPONSE INFORMATION SYSTEM (CHRIS)

1. PURPOSE. This manual provides information needed for decision-making by Coast Guard personnel during emergencies that occur during the waterborne transport of hazardous chemicals. It also provides information that can be used by the Coast Guard as it strives to improve safety procedures and prevent accidents.
2. ACTION. Area and district commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistics commands, commanding officers of headquarters units, assistant commandants for directorates, Chief Counsel, and special staff offices at Headquarters shall ensure that this Manual is available for responders and all others that may benefit from this information.
3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. COMDTINST M16465.12B of 2 November 1992, is cancelled.
4. DISCUSSION. This comprehensive edition of CHRIS replaces the earlier 4-volume series. Obsolete information was deleted and 12 new information fields were added to facilitate safe and effective response to hazardous chemical releases. By the end of fiscal year 1999, the manual will be available on CD Rom and as a searchable database on the internet and will be linked to the Coast Guard Marine Safety home page. The address for this page is:
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