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Subj: QUALITY REQUIREMENTS FOR NAVAL AIR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES  
MANUFACTURING OF CRITICAL SAFETY ITEMS

Ref: (a) NAVAIRINST 4200.25D

1. Reference (a) requires that all Critical Safety Items (CSIs) undergo Government Source Inspection (GSI) unless waived by the Basic Design Engineer (BDE). Recent discussions have revealed that some Defense Logistics Management (DLA) contracts are requiring Defense Contracts Management Agency (DCMA) GSI for CSIs manufactured at the Naval Air Industrial Facilities (NAIFs).

2. DCMA GSI is not required for CSIs manufactured at NAIFs. NAIFs are defined as Naval Air facilities that have extensive organic production facilities, resident NAVAIR 4.0 engineering staff, an established NAVAIR approved quality program, and an established Critical Item Management Coordinator approved by the resident AIR-4.0 Department Head. As such, the NAIFs have established quality assurance programs for CSI manufacturing which meet the requirements for GSI outlined in reference (a).

3. When the BDE for a platform is co-located at the NAIF manufacturing CSIs, local disposition of any Deviations or Waivers by the BDE may be allowed with later notification to DLA as required. This local disposition will reduce the current turn-around-time associated with submitting Deviations and Waivers through the Contracting Officer only to have them routed directly back to the BDE at the same NAIF for disposition. NAVICP-P Code 073 can provide a listing of platforms for which individual NAIFs have BDE authority, as needed.

4. Please address any questions or concerns regarding this issue to Mr. Ed Auger NAVAIR-4.1C at (301) 342-7073.

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