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SUBJ: MCMURDO PERSONNEL LOCATOR BEACON (PLB) BATTERY PACK, SAFETY ADVISORY (PPE-002/12)

A. Rescue and Survival Systems Manual, COMDTINST M10470.10(series)

1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this message is to alert Boat Forces units of a potential malfunction of the battery pack for the McMurdo PLB.

2. BACKGROUND. During recent ready for operations inspections, the Office of Boat Forces identified several McMurdo PLBs with a cracked battery pack.

3. DISCUSSION. The manufacturer is currently working on the problem and inspecting PLBs that have been affected and is implementing corrective action measures. Pictures of what to look for are located on the Boat Forces web page Hot and New.

4. ACTION. Units shall inspect the battery pack on all McMurdo PLBs for signs of cracking. If units find a crack they shall notify the Rescue and Survival Systems Program Manager. For replacement batteries units shall contact Greg Jacobson of Survitec (904) 562-5900 EXT 233 for information on exchanging batteries.

5. POC. Rescue and Survival Systems Program Manager CWO Don Slowik, COMDT (CG-731), at (202) 372-2459 or Donald.J.Slowik(at)uscg.mil.

6. Internet release is authorized.

7. Mr. J. L. Wheeler, Acting Chief, Office of Boat Forces, sends.