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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 3121.1E

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: DISTRIBUTION OF OPERATION ORDERS AND PLANS OF NAVY
COMPONENT COMMANDERS

1. Purpose. To standardize the distribution of operation orders (OPORD) and operation plans (OPLAN) of Navy component commanders to the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO). This instruction is being reissued with a new date, updated version and signature authority to meet CNO's age requirement for Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) instructions.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 3121.1D.

3. Directive. The CNO requires access to OPORDs and OPLANs of Navy component commanders. For the below orders and plans, Navy component commanders shall ensure links to the orders and plans are available on their SECRET Internet Protocol Router Network (SIPRNET) or Nonsecure Internet Protocol Router Network (NIPRNET) as appropriate:

a. Standing OPORDs and OPLANs of fleet and task force commanders in operational control of important phases of major fleet exercises.

b. OPORDs and OPLANs other than those above are at the discretion of the commanders concerned. OPORDs concerning routine movements, type, and refresher or shakedown training exercises are not required.

4. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.

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