

To: All Contractors and Subcontractors

From: Director; Office of Safety & Environmental Programs

Subject: Safety Requirements for Work Performed for the Virginia Institute of Marine Science/School of Marine Science (VIMS/SMS)

Date: September 1, 2012

Contractors and Subcontractors involved in construction, repair, renovation, maintenance or upgrade of any building, property, equipment, vehicle or vessel owned, leased or rented by VIMS/SMS shall bear the sole responsibility for the safety and health of their employees. In addition, Contractors and Subcontractors shall take all necessary precautions to insure the safety and health of VIMS/SMS employees, students, guests and visitors while performing any activity in relation to a construction, repair, renovation, upgrade or maintenance project.

The Contractor and Subcontractors are solely responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the work they are performing. Any violation of these requirements or duties or any potential safety hazard that is brought to the attention of the Contractor or Subcontractor by the Owner or his Representative, the Architect/Engineer, or any other responsible person shall be immediately abated.

The provision of all rules and regulations governing health and safety as adopted by the Safety Codes Commission of the Commonwealth of Virginia, issued by the Department of Labor and Industry under Title 40.1 of the Code of Virginia, shall apply to all work performed by the Contractor or Subcontractors. These regulations include, but are not limited to:

Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 1910, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standards for General Industry

Title 29 CFR, Parts 1926, OSHA Standards for the Construction Industry

Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, as currently adopted by the Commonwealth of Virginia

Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, as currently adopted by the Commonwealth of Virginia