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ABSTRACT FOR PRESENTATION: Advantages in Environmental Compliance for Maritime Corrosion Control.

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It is only in the last few years that processes and materials have been called "environmentally friendly" and "cost effective". These concepts have always seemed to be adversarial. The main reason for this is the percieved disruption of established methods of surface preparation and corrosion control. Often environmental managers will have a store of knowledge about worker safety and waste disposal issues, but may lack the intimate knowledge of the processes used in marine manufacture and maintenance that create the wastes.

This presentation will show how to investigate the sources of the hazardous wastes, identify potential replacement materials, and develop a method to minimally disruptive process modification. This is a critical step, as materials which are less hazardous will generally display different physical characteristics. In order to maximize the effectiveness of the replacement material, there must be adjustments done to the process of the new material's use. Additionally, the application of a new material must conform to Military or OEM Specifications.

I will go through examples drawn from Defense Department and Commercial Manufacture as sources for these case studies. At the conclusion of the case studies, I will show real-dollar cost savings realized over a time period of 1 year.

This presentation will conclude in 30-40 minutes.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions about this presentation. Sincerely,

Eric Lethe

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