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**CHAPTER 1  
DESCRIPTION AND GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS  
SPECIAL INCIDENT REPORTING (OPREP-3) SYSTEM**

SECTION I - DESCRIPTION

1. Purpose. Provides procedures for worldwide reporting of events and special incidents which may attract national and/or high U.S. Navy interest.
2. Applicability. Applies to all Navy units, Fleet Marine Force units under U.S. Navy cognizance, Military Sealift Command (MSC) shore commands, and those United States Naval Ship (USNS) (less foreign manned ships) and bare boat chartered ships which have been designated public vessels of the U.S. OPREP-3 reports will be submitted by the lowest level command which has knowledge of the event, except for those incidents where provision for rapid notification by a higher command has been established by separate directive. The reporting command must have access to a communications network capable of relaying the report to a communications system serving the National Military Command Center (NMCC). For reports involving nuclear weapons or nuclear weapon delivery systems, the commander of the organization having physical possession of the weapon/delivery system has the final responsibility for ensuring that the initial report is made.
3. System Description
  - a. The basis for the OPREP-3 system is a library of standard sets which bring together elements of information for drafting and transmitting reports of special incidents to higher authority. Each message text is based on an ordered collection of formatted data sets plus narrative information in the form of free-text sets. Sets are further subdivided into data fields, each of which contains a discrete piece of information, e.g., time, location, weapon type, or number of casualties. Reports within the OPREP-3 system will be transmitted by voice and hard copy message. Voice reports are made using the voice message templates in Chapter Two. Hard copy message reports are composed of selected sets from the Set Library in Chapter Three.
  - b. An initial OPREP-3 report is normally the first indication to senior authority that an incident has occurred which is of national level interest (OPREP-3 PINNACLE series) or of high U.S. Navy interest (OPREP-3 NAVY BLUE series). The UNIT SITREP is intended to report significant events or incidents which do not meet the OPREP-3 (PINNACLE or NAVY BLUE) reporting criteria. National level interest is presumed when it is conceivable that the National Command Authorities (NCA) and/or the highest levels of government will desire timely knowledge of the incident. Incidents which are not of interest to the NCA, but are of great concern to Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) and other senior naval commands, are considered of high U.S. Navy interest. Pages 1-2 and 1-3 provide a brief synopsis of OPREP-3 series and UNIT SITREP reports. A special incident decision tree is provided on pages 1-4, 1-5, and 1-6 to help the drafter decide which message is appropriate depending on the situation at hand.

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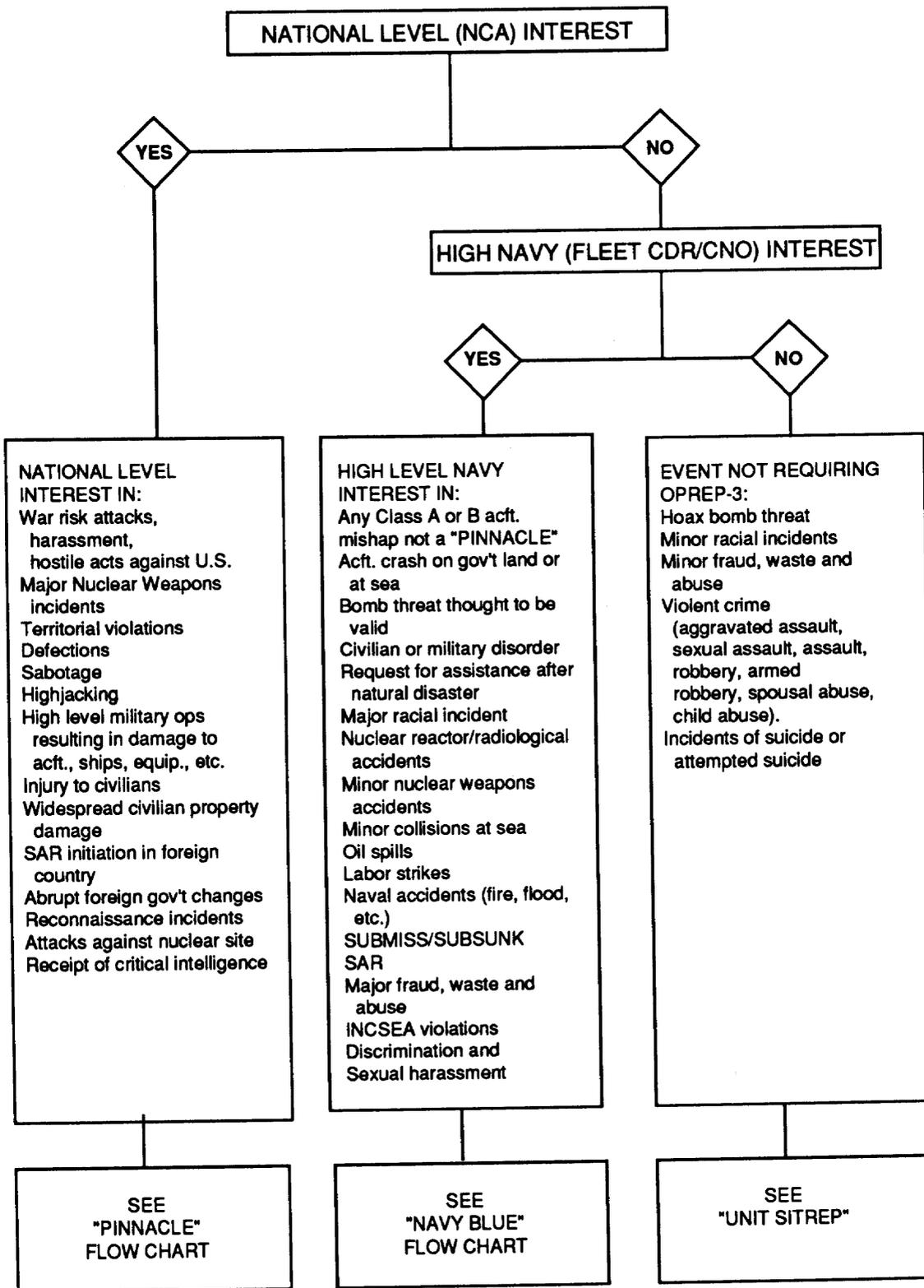
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<b><u>FLAGWORDS</u></b>	<b><u>PURPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>REFERENCE</u></b>
OPREP-3	To notify the NMCC immediately of:	Chapter 2 Section:
PINNACLE/NUCFLASH	Any accidental or unauthorized possible detonation of a nuclear weapon by U.S. forces which could create the risk of nuclear war.	I
PINNACLE	Any event or incident where national level interest is indicated other than those listed below (Sections II - VII).	II
PINNACLE/FRONT BURNER	Any attack or harassment of U.S. Forces. Use " <u>NAVY BLUE</u> " for violation of the <u>INCSEA agreement</u> .	III
PINNACLE/EMERGENCY DISABLEMENT	Those operations involving the emergency destruction or disablement of nuclear weapons.	IV
PINNACLE/EMERGENCY EVACUATION	Those operations involving the emergency evacuation of nuclear weapons.	V
PINNACLE/BROKEN ARROW	a. The accidental or unauthorized detonation, or possible detonation, of a nuclear weapon (other than war risk); b. Non-nuclear detonation or burning of a nuclear weapon; c. Radioactive contamination; d. Jettisoning of a nuclear weapon or component; e. Public hazard, actual or implied.	VI
PINNACLE/EMPTY QUIVER	The seizure, theft, or loss of a nuclear weapon or nuclear component.	VII

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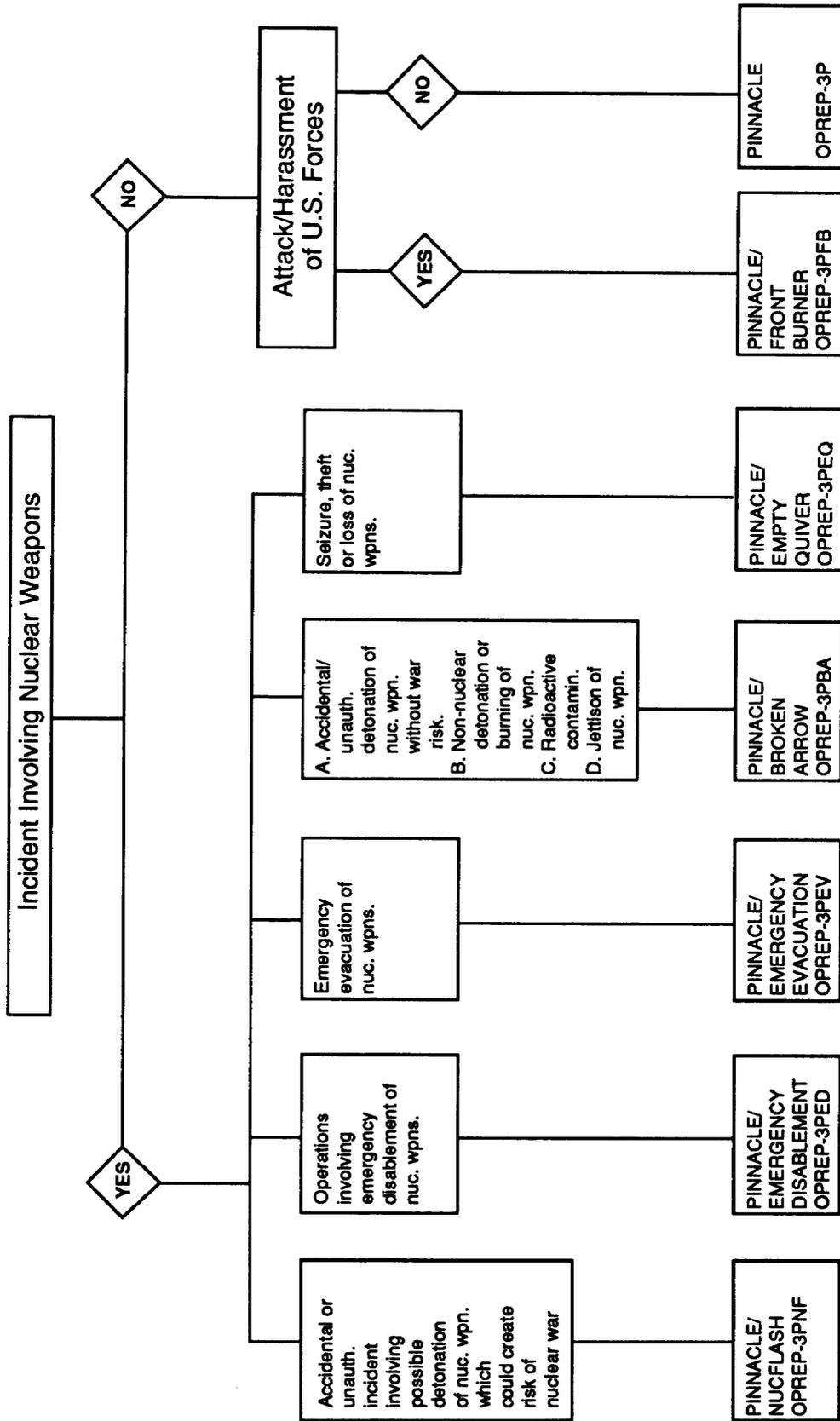
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OPREP-3	To notify the CNO/FLTCINC immediately of:	Chapter 2 Section:
NAVY BLUE/FADED GIANT	Any nuclear reactor or radiological accidents involving equipment used with naval nuclear reactors or other naval nuclear energy devices while such equipment is in the custody of the Navy.	VIII
NAVY BLUE/ BENT SPEAR	Any significant nuclear weapon incidents other than accidents or war risk detonations (actual or possible).	IX
NAVY BLUE/ DULL SWORD	Any nuclear weapon incidents other than significant incidents.	X
NAVY BLUE	Any event or incident where high Navy (vice national) interest is indicated other than those listed above (Sections VIII - X).	XI
UNIT SITREP	a. Any event or incident not meeting the criteria for OPREP-3 reporting; b. Events related to augment OPREP-3 report.	XII

SPECIAL INCIDENT FLOW CHART

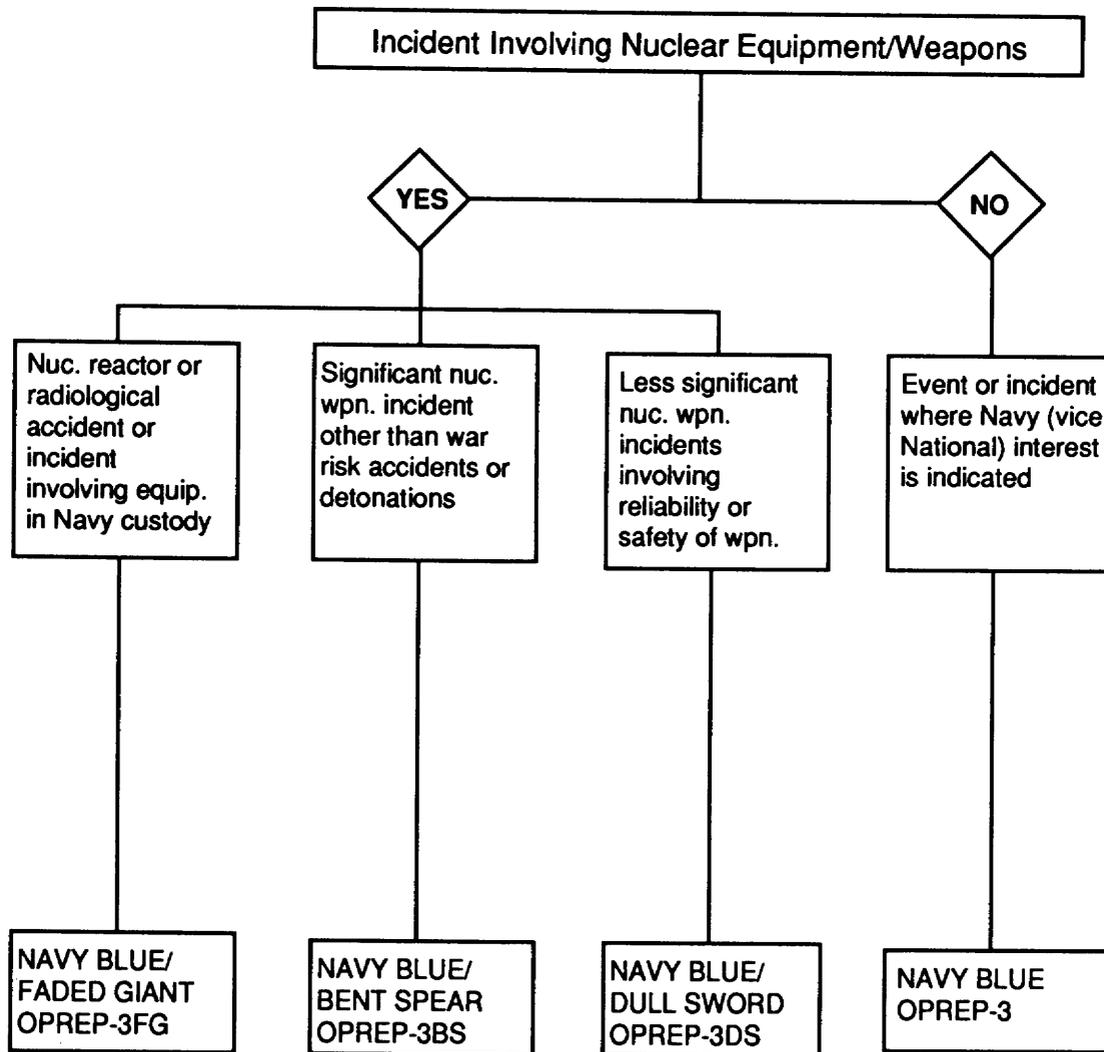


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PINNACLE FLOW CHART



NAVY BLUE FLOW CHART



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