Proposed 2017 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CATEGORY PROMOTION BENCHMARKS

PY 2017 Guidance Regarding Promotion Precepts and Benchmarks for Commissioned Corps Officers

Officers competing for promotion are rated on the five Promotion Precepts described in the Commissioned Corps Instruction 331.01 "Permanent Grade Promotions", and 332.01 "Temporary Grade Promotions", and noted below. To assist officers in better understanding the Promotion Precepts, the Precepts are described in terms of Factors. Each Factor has a Benchmark, which is a level of achievement for the officer given the category and grade.

The purpose of this Guidance is to inform officers and promotion boards of the levels of achievement per Promotion Precept generally considered to describe the "best qualified" officer for a specific category at a specific grade. This document can also benefit the officer in setting some personal long term goals for his or her career advancement.

The Chief Professional Officers (CPO) and Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) Chairs, in consultation with their constituent category members, revise the Guidance annually to reflect the ever changing missions and policies of the Corps. All five Promotion Precepts are identical for all categories, as are the Benchmarks for Promotion Precepts 1, 4 and 5. The Benchmarks for Promotion Precepts 2 and 3 are category-specific.

The benchmarks for Precepts 1 – 5 are levels of achievement and/or standards of excellence that describe the "best-qualified" officer. They serve as a basis by which officers can be measured within each category. No Officer is expected to meet all the standards for Precepts 1 - 5. Many promoted officers will have achievements that exceed the factors for one or two precepts, but may not meet all the factors for others. Therefore these Benchmarks should not be considered a checklist of activities that must be completed in order to be promoted. Quality and impact of an officer's service is far more important than the quantity of activities in which they participate.

The individual factors within each Precept are not listed in priority order. The importance of each factor is left to the discretion of the Promotion Boards. The members of the Promotion Boards review the service records of each officer under consideration for promotion and each assigns a score for the specific Promotion Precept. Promotion Board members exercise their professional judgment and discretion in the review and rating of each record.

There is no time period that limits which of the officer's activities and accomplishments are eligible for consideration. However, activities and accomplishments subsequent to an officer's last promotion should receive priority consideration.

The Promotion Precepts are weighted as follows:

 Performance Rating and Reviewing Official's Statement (Performance) 	40%
2. Education, training, and professional development	20%
3. Career progression and potential	25%
4. Professional contributions and services to the PHS Commissioned Corps (Officership)	15%
5. Basic Readiness	***0%

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Although the Readiness precept no longer carries any weight with regard to numerical score for promotion, basic readiness remains one of the several administrative checks for promotion. Officers in a "not ready" status at the 31 Dec RedDOG status report prior to the promotion year will receive an automatic Board Not Recommend. In addition, officers in a "not ready" status at the subsequent 31 March RedDOG status report, who were otherwise successful, will be removed from the successful list. Officers are advised to maintain basic readiness at all times.

Promotion Board members examine many documents in the officer's electronic Official Personnel Folder (eOPF) during the promotion review. Examples of these documents include, but are not limited to: Commissioned Officers' Effectiveness Report (COER); Promotion Information Report (PIR); curriculum vitae; the Officer's and Reviewing Official's Statements; award narratives; and letters of appreciation. The most recent COERs (e.g., the last 3-5 years) are generally given the most consideration by Promotion Board members, although earlier COERs may also be reviewed.

Career development resources (e.g., Curriculum Vitae (CV) reviews, mentoring, internet training tools, career development seminars, fellow officers, serving in similar roles, etc.) provided by the PACs, agency liaisons, Division of Commissioned Corps Personnel and Readiness (DCCPR), and the CPOs should be explored and fully utilized by all officers.

The Benchmarks will change as the Commissioned Corps continues to evolve. Any comments or suggestions that you have on the Benchmarks may be submitted to your PAC Chair, and will be carefully considered for incorporation into the next annual revision.

	1. Performance Rating and Reviewing Official's Statement (Performance)					
Factor	Benchmarks P-O2*	Benchmarks T-O4/P-O3*	Benchmarks T-O5/P-O4	Benchmarks T-O6/P-O5/P-O6		
Commissioned Officers' Effectiveness Report (COER) Based on information contained in the Officer's	The primary focus in reviewing the COER should be on the accompanying narrative rather than on the indicated value.	The primary focus in reviewing the COER should be on the accompanying narrative rather than on the indicated value.	The primary focus in reviewing the COER should be on the accompanying narrative rather than on the indicated value.	The primary focus in reviewing the COER should be on the accompanying narrative rather than on the indicated value.		
Statement, separate from the Reviewing Official's Statement, the officer will be rated on promotion readiness as it relates to:	Secondary assessment will include a review of the COER score, in the context of the officer's performance trends.	Secondary assessment will include a review of the COER score, in the context of the officer's performance trends.	Secondary assessment will include a review of the COER score, in the context of the officer's performance trends.	Secondary assessment will include a review of the COER score, in the context of the officer's performance trends.		
 Progression of responsibility Achievement and contributions to the agency mission Personal accountability for developing skills and leadership effectiveness 	Guidance provided as needed/requested to complete assignments of moderate complexity and impact. Skill development reflects potential for leadership and willingness/ability to assume increasing levels of responsibility.	Guidance provided as needed/requested to complete assignments of moderate complexity and impact. Skill development reflects potential for leadership and willingness/ability to assume increasing levels of responsibility. Completes assigned duty-related	Evidence of independent performance of complex tasks requiring developed proficiency and higher responsibility with positive impact on the program. Demonstrated leadership of program teams or projects.	Independent initiative, evidenced by development, oversight, coordination and/or leadership of projects of exceptional difficulty with an expected level of expertise. Assumption of overall personal accountability for the involved program or project.		
	Completes assigned duty- related mandatory training and elective training to complement mandatory training.	mandatory training and elective training to complement mandatory training.	Completes assigned duty- related mandatory training and elective training to complement mandatory training.	Completes assigned duty- related mandatory training and elective training to complement mandatory training.		
	Supporting information that professional development contributes to the agency missions.	Supporting information that professional development contributes to the agency missions. The officer demonstrates they	Supporting information that professional development contributes to the agency missions.	Supporting information that professional development contributes to the agency missions.		
	The officer demonstrates they efficiently and effectively work at their current grade.	efficiently and effectively work at a higher level than their current grade.	The officer demonstrates they efficiently and effectively work at a higher level than their current grade.	The officer demonstrates they efficiently and effectively work at a higher level than their current grade and should currently occupy an O-6 billet.		

PY 2017 FACTORS and BENCHMARKS FOR PROMOTION PRECEPTS

Factor	Benchmarks P-O2*	Benchmarks T-O4/P-O3*	Benchmarks T-O5/P-O4	Benchmarks T-O6/P-O5/P-O6
Award History**	There should be a record of	There should be a record of	There should be a record of	There should be a record of
	awards across the career.	awards across the career.	awards across the career.	awards across the career.
Progression of awards,	Officers should strive for	Officers should strive for	Officers should strive for	Officers should strive for
elevance to mission, quality,	increasing levels of	increasing levels of	levels of achievement that	levels of achievement that
as well as quantity, across	achievement including team	achievement that reflects	are distinctly greater than	reflects exceptional
he career is assessed:	or unit participation, which	superior efforts, including	expected and which should	leadership and which should
	may result in individual or unit	team or unit participation,	result in progressively higher	result in progressively highe
\circ PHS Individual and Unit	awards (e.g., a PHS Citation	which may result in individual	individual awards or unit	individual awards or unit
Honor Awards (e.g., PHS	Medal or Unit	or unit awards (e.g., an	recognition (e.g., a	recognition (e.g., an
Citation Medal,	Commendation).	Achievement Medal or Unit	Commendation Medal or Unit	Outstanding Service Medal of
Outstanding Service		Commendation).	Commendation).	Outstanding Unit Citation).
Medal, Unit	Division, Institute, and			
Commendation)	Agency (including non-DHHS	Division, Institute, and	Division, Institute, and	Division, Institute, and
	agencies), and professional	Agency (including non-DHHS	Agency (including non-DHHS	Agency (including non-DHHS
 Other Awards & 	organization awards, and	agencies), and professional	agencies), and professional	agencies), and professional
Recognition	recognition such as letters of	organization awards, and	organization awards, and	organization awards, and
-	commendation.	recognition such as letters of	recognition such as letters of	recognition such as letters o
 PHS Service Awards 		commendation.	commendation.	commendation.
(e.g., Isolated Hardship	Service should clearly reflect			
Service Award, Special	the impact(s) that evolve from	Service should clearly reflect	Service should clearly reflect	Service should clearly reflec
Assignment Service	responsibility and	the impact(s) that evolve from	the impact(s) that evolve from	the impact(s) that evolve from
Award)	performance of the officer.	responsibility and	responsibility and	responsibility and
,	'	performance of the officer.	performance of the officer.	performance of the officer.
Reviewing Official's	Exhibits Leadership	Exhibits Leadership	Demonstrates Leadership	Accomplished Leadership
Assessment for Promotion	Qualities	Qualities	Skills	Role
Readiness				
	Recognizing junior officers	Recognizing junior officers	Recognizing exceptional	Recognizing leaders who
Based on information	with the potential and	with the potential and	personal leadership skill and	have moved into key
contained in the Reviewing	inspiration to influence.	inspiration to influence.	significant potential or	leadership roles and have a
Official's Statement (separate			competence as a leader or	proven record of influence
rom the Officer's Statement),			manager.	and achievement (e.g.,
he Officer will be rated on	For example: As assessed in	For example: As assessed in		Subject Matter Expert,
promotion readiness as it	ROS, candidate excels:	ROS, candidate excels:		Program Chief/Director or
relates to:			For example: As assessed in	equivalent).
	a) In attributes that serve the	a) In attributes that serve the	ROS, candidate excels:	
○ Current Leadership Role	leadership in a group, team,	leadership in a group, team,		For example: As assessed in
in Command/ Agency	committee, or branch work	committee, or branch work	a) In the contributions to and	ROS, candidate excels:
	and with the potential for	and with the potential for	support of a management,	
 Progression of 	team leadership or	team leadership or	supervisory, technical or	a) In an executive, senior
Leadership Potential	management role.	management role.	clinical expert and/or	management, expert, and/or
			program leadership role.	special advisory/consultant
	and/or	and/or		position.
\circ Contribution to the				

Factor	Benchmarks	Benchmarks	Benchmarks	Benchmarks
	P-O2*	T-O4/P-O3*	T-O5/P-O4	T-O6/P-O5/P-O6
Agency Missions	 b) As a member of a task force or similar group at, or above, the local or regional Branch or Division level. Other considerations <i>may</i> include: Authorship of publications or other written communication or oral presentations that strive for increasing impact (e.g., at, or above, the local/ regional Branch, or Division level). 	 b) As a member of a task force or similar group at, or above, the local or regional Branch or Division level. Other considerations <i>may</i> include: Authorship of publications or other written communication or oral presentations that strive for increasing impact (e.g., at, or above, the local/ regional Branch, or Division level). Engages in collateral activities that contribute to the Agency/PHS mission. 	and/or b) As a member or leader of a task force or similar group at, or above, the local or regional Agency level. Other considerations may include: Primary or secondary authorship of publications or other written communication or oral presentations that strive for increasing impact (e.g., at or above the local or regional Agency level). Engages in collateral activities that contribute to the Agency/PHS mission.	and/or b) As a leader of a task forco or a similar group at either the regional, national or international Agency level. Other considerations may include: Primary or secondary authorship of publications o other written communication or oral presentations that strive for increasing impact (e.g., at either the regional, national or international Agency level). Evidence that career duties and collateral activities contribute to visibility and impact of the Agency/PHS Commissioned Corps

T-O4/P-O2 & O3 for career development purposes.

** - Please refer to CCI 511.01 Awards Program for a description of the Honor and Service Awards.

	2. Education,	Training & Professional	Development	
Factor	Benchmarks P-O2*	Benchmarks T-O4/P-O3*	Benchmarks T-O5/P-O4	Benchmarks T-O6/P-O5/P-O6
	Bachelor's Degree.	Bachelor's Degree.	Bachelor's Degree.	Master's or doctoral Degree.
	For officers with accredited bachelor's degree, has initiated the process or is pursuing an advanced degree	For officers with accredited bachelor's degree, has initiated the process and is pursuing	For officers with accredited bachelor's degree, has initiated the process and is pursuing an advanced degree	Advanced degree from a regionally or nationally accredited institution that contributes to current or
Degrees	from a regionally or nationally accredited institution that contributes to current or future PHS assignments.	an advanced degree from a regionally or nationally accredited institution that contributes to current or future PHS assignments.	from a regionally or nationally accredited institution that contributes to current or future PHS assignments.	future PHS assignments.
	Environmental Health, Indu Preparedness and Respons doctorate degree).	strial Hygiene, Information Systems se (MBA, MPA, MS, MPH or co	mited to: Public Health, Health Ca tems and Technology, Health Phy mparable master's degree; PhD, ion of the agency and/or PHS. Th	ysics, Emergency DrPH, or comparable
	Pursuing professional environmental health credential (REHS/RS) or industrial hygiene, safety, or health physics certification (CIH, CSP, or CHP).	Current professional environmental health credential (REHS/RS) or industrial hygiene, safety, or health physics certification (CIH, CSP, or CHP).	Current professional environmental health credential (REHS/RS) or industrial hygiene, safety, or health physics certification (CIH, CSP, or CHP).	Current professional environmental health credential (REHS/RS) or industrial hygiene, safety, or health physics certification (CIH, CSP, or CHP).
Certifications, Credentialing, and Licensure	If officer has more than one of the above credentials, it will satisfy the additional credential requirement below.	If officer has more than one of the above credentials, it will satisfy the additional credential requirement below.	If officer has more than one of the above credentials, it will satisfy the additional credential requirement below.	If officer has more than one of the above credentials, it will satisfy the additional credential requirement below.
	Officer is also pursuing an additional professional certification or graduate certificate.	Officer also has an additional professional certification or graduate certificate.	Officer also has an additional professional certification or graduate certificate.	Officer also has an additional professional certification or graduate certificate.
	 Healthy Homes Specialist, I Certification in Medical Dev Additional Certifications sho in the COER, OS and/or CV For additional information a 	fications can include, but are n NIMS SOFR Type I, etc. or an a ices, Seafood, Blood Banks or buld hold value to advance the /. nd clarification of sub-discipline	ot limited to: CHMM, HAZMAT, H agency specific certification (e.g., Drugs). mission of the agency and/or PHS e examples, review the EHO Bend bage under Career Development	FDA certifications such as S. These can be demonstrated chmark 2 Supplemental

2. Education, Training & Professional Development					
Factor	Benchmarks P-O2*	Benchmarks T-O4/P-O3*	Benchmarks T-O5/P-O4	Benchmarks T-O6/P-O5/P-O6	
Public & Environmental Health Training	Course work, continuing education, or training experiences in environmental health or related to job, that contributes to current or future PHS assignments.	Course work, continuing education, or training experiences in environmental health, or related to job and contributes to current or future PHS assignments.	Course work, continuing education, or training experiences in environmental health, or related to job and contributes to current or future PHS assignments. Recent trainings and experiences should support development of leadership and management skills.	Course work, continuing education, or training experiences in environmental health, or related to job and contributes to current or future PHS assignments. Recent trainings and experiences should support development of leadership and management skills.	
	 Examples include, but are not limited to: Health Care Management, Information Systems Technology, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Management & Leadership Skills. All training should be documented in CE Summary in e-OPF. Additional Trainings should hold value to advance the mission of the agency and/or PHS. Value and purpose can be demonstrated in the COER, OS and/or CV. 				

Factor	Benchmarks	areer Progression & Pote Benchmarks	Benchmarks	Benchmarks	
i dotor	T-03/P-02*	T-04/P-03*	T-05/P-04	T-06/P-05/P-06	
Pillar Assignment	Officer encumbers a position that meets one of the five pillars.				
Billet Level	Currently occupy a billet \geq O- 3.	Currently occupy a billet ≥ O- 4.	Currently occupy a billet ≥ O-5.	Currently occupy a billet ≥ O 6.	
		rogressively higher billets through propriately document the level of tion letters in e-OPF.		rvisory duties, in the OS, ROS,	
Assignments (Personnel Orders)	≥ 1 assignment(s) that demonstrate progressively more responsibility, ability, and independence.	≥ 2 assignments that demonstrate progressively more responsibility, ability, and independence. For example, independently conducts projects of moderate complexity with limited guidance.	≥ 3 assignments that demonstrate progressively more responsibility, ability, and independence. For example, independently performs professional tasks or provides leadership as a team or project leader.	≥ 5 assignments that demonstrate progressively more responsibility, ability, and independence. For example, considered an expert in their area of work with responsibility for independently leading projects and teams.	
	 and independence are der Shall include any detailed and CV. 	c reassignments within an agenc nonstrated. assignments ≥ 90 consecutive da ents over career, including militar	ays (TDY). TDY assignments sh	•	
Geographic Mobility	≤ 1 permanent change of station excluding original call to active duty.	≥ 1 permanent changes of station excluding original call to active duty.	≥ 2 permanent changes of station excluding original call to active duty.	≥ 3 permanent changes of station excluding original cal to active duty.	
Collateral Duties (Duties not covered by billet)	Collateral duties are expected, which may or may not relate to environmental health, but support PHS, agency, and program initiatives.	Collateral duties are expected, which may or may not relate to environmental health, but support PHS, agency, and program initiatives.	Collateral duties are expected, which may or may not relate to environmental health, but support PHS, agency, and program initiatives.	Collateral duties are expected, which may or may not relate to environmental health, but support PHS, agency, and program initiatives. At least one collateral duty at the senior/national level with a large-scale leadership role.	
	Lead/Member, Information Agency Mentor, etc.	not limited to: PHS or Agency Er Technology Duties, Training Off documented in CV, OS, ROS, CO	icer/ Coordinator Duties, JR CO	Deployment Team STEP Preceptor, EHO or	

Factor	Benchmarks P-O2*	Benchmarks T-O4/P-O3*	Benchmarks T-O5/P-O4	Benchmarks T-O6/P-O5/P-O6
Honor/ Integrity/Duty	Displaying honor and integrity as an officer.	Displaying honor and integrity as an officer.	Displaying honor and integrity as an officer.	Displaying honor and integrity as an officer.
As a USPHS Officer	Completes mandatory CC training	Completes mandatory CC training	Completes mandatory CC training	Completes mandatory CC training
 Honor and integrity are 	5	5		
the consistent regard for the highest standards of behaviors and the refusal to violate one's personal	Officer participates in personal and professional duties to meet obligations.	Officer participates in personal and professional duties to meet obligations.	Officer participates in personal and professional duties to meet obligations.	Officer participates in personal and professional duties to meet obligations.
and professional codes.	No disciplinary or adverse actions; officer in good	No disciplinary or adverse actions; officer in good	No disciplinary or adverse actions; officer in good	No disciplinary or adverse actions; officer in good
 Duty is the free acceptance of a commitment to service. 	standing	standing	standing	standing
Officer CC Contributions Significant contributions are based on information contained in the Officer's Statement, CV, and documented in letters of appreciation. Examples	Appointed member or volunteer.	Appointed member or volunteer.	Appointed member or volunteer who leads subcommittee or demonstrates substantive role.	Appointed member or volunteer who serves as Chair or Vice-Chair, or leads subcommittees, or demonstrates substantive role.
may include:	Evidence that [CC and collateral activities impact and	Evidence that CC and collateral activities impact	Evidence that CC and collateral activities impact and	Evidence that CC and collateral activities impact
 Membership/ Leadership/ Involvement in PAC and Advisory Groups (e.g., Junior Officers Advisory Group, Minority Officers Liaison Council) 	contribute to the PHS mission at the local level.	and contribute to the PHS mission at the local level.	contribute to the PHS mission at the regional level.	and contribute to the PHS mission at the regional, national or international level.
• Recruitment Activities		Documented recruitment activities	Documented recruitment activities	Documented recruitment activities

Factor	Benchmarks P-O2*	Benchmarks T-O4/P-O3*	Benchmarks T-O5/P-O4	Benchmarks T-O6/P-O5/P-O6
 Mentoring Professional contributions Commitment to professional development and officer visibility, <i>i.e while in uniform.</i> Significant contributions are based on information contained in the CV, and documented in letters of appreciation, awards, etc. Examples may include: Membership/ Involvement in Professional, Uniformed Service, and Specialty Organizations 	Participates as a protégé in regular one-on-one or group mentoring activities Active member at the local, level	Participates as a protégé in regular one-on-one or group mentoring activities. Active member at the local, regional, levels.	Participates as a primary or supportive mentor in regular one-on-one or group mentoring activities Seeks mentors within peers or higher level Completes a formal mentor assignment verified via letter from PAC, Advisory Group, Agency leadership, etc. Recruits other mentors to support professional development of peers. Active member at the regional, or national, or levels. Serves as contributing member to the organization through a committee or subcommittee.	Participates as a primary mentor in regular one-on- one or group mentoring activities. Seeks mentors within peers or higher level. Completes a formal mentor assignment verified via letter from PAC, Advisory Group, Agency leadership, etc. Recruit, train, support and manage other mentors for the professional development of other officers. Active member at the national or international levels. Serves in a leadership role in the organization such as subcommittee Chair or Chai of the organization.
Presentations and Outreach	Participation at local and regional meetings or activities of professional organizations	Presentations and/or outreach at local and regional meetings or activities of professional organizations	Presentations and/or outreach regional meetings or activities of professional organizations Evidence of greater visibility in promoting the Corps to broader audiences.	Presentations and/or outreach regional, national or international meetings or activities of professional organizations Sought out by meeting planners for presentations with evidence of greater impact in support of Corps/Agency missions.

* - Temporary O2 and O3 promotions for all categories and Temporary O4 promotions for the Medical and Dental Categories are determined by an administrative file review as outlined in CCI 332.01 (old CC23.4.2, 6-2). Officers are encouraged to use the Factors and Benchmarks listed for T-O4/P-O2 & O3 for career development purposes.

5.Readiness				
Factor	Benchmarks	Benchmarks	Benchmarks	Benchmarks
	P-O2	T-O4/P-O3	T-O5/P-O4	T-O6/P-O5/P-O6
NA	Officer meets and maintains			
	Basic Readiness Standards.	Basic Readiness Standards.	Basic Readiness Standards.	Basic Readiness Standards.

Note: Officers may submit a request for a temporary medical waiver to the Medical Affairs for medical issues that would prevent an Officer from achieving or maintaining readiness status.