NACE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS WITH DOD TO LAUNCH CORRDEFENSE E-MAGAZINE

Online Publication to Highlight Military Corrosion Control Projects

HOUSTON, TX – NACE International, a professional technical association for leaders in corrosion control technology, has partnered with the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) to launch CorrDefense, an online e-magazine highlighting corrosion-control efforts of the DoD, Coast Guard and NASA, as well as projects and initiatives the agency shares with laboratories, universities, research institutes, and private companies.

Today, more than ever, the U.S. armed services are partnering to extend the life cycle of our weapons, equipment, and far-flung military facilities. The 2002 U.S. Federal Highway Administration study, “Corrosion Costs and Preventive Strategies in the United States,” conducted by CC Technologies, Inc. and sponsored by NACE, estimates that the annual cost of corrosion is a staggering $276 billion. The U.S. Government Accountability Office has determined that $10 to $20 billion in direct costs can be attributed to military corrosion. Corrosion practitioners, and the knowledge they spread, are vital to the DoD’s most critical mission—ensuring readiness and safety across the globe using technically sound and cost-effective practices.

Overseen by newsletter Executive Director Dan Dunmire, leader of the DoD Corrosion Policy and Oversight Office in collaboration with the NACE Publications Division, CorrDefense is part of a far-reaching DoD initiative to improve corrosion-control efforts and employ best practices to protect military assets and infrastructure in all of its services.

CorrDefense will serve to inform the general public and corrosion-control community about new and recent DoD efforts to share corrosion-prevention technologies and practices. One important result of this sharing is the fiscal year 2003 Congressional mandate to consolidate efforts across all services. That initiative led to the establishment of the Corrosion Policy and Oversight Office in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, which funds corrosion-related projects with a potentially high return-on-investment that benefit more than one military branch. The 2003 mandate has also resulted in a strategic partnership between the DoD and NACE.

“We are very excited to see our efforts culminate in a centralized partnership,” says Dunmire. “We hope that CorrDefense will generate additional awareness of DoD projects, and the importance of working together to preserve military assets.”

CorrDefense will balance news about people, projects, and activities supported by the DoD Corrosion Office in a readable, general-interest format, and will be archived and available from the DoD’s Corrosion Exchange Web site at www.dodcorrosionexchange.org and linked to the NACE Web site at www.nace.org.

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NACE International is a professional technical association dedicated to promoting public safety, protecting the environment, and reducing the economic impact of corrosion. Established in 1943, NACE International has more than 15,000 members worldwide and offers technical training and certification programs, sponsors conferences and produces industry standards, reports, publications, and software.

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