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## Decreased Funding Reduces Orders Timeline

Citing the impact of reduced funding, Navy announced Feb. 8, that Sailors should expect to receive orders with shorter lead times and based on operational priority.

NAVADMIN 049/11 informed the Fleet of the impact to permanent change of station (PCS) orders while operating under a continuing resolution (CR), which is a Congressional budget authorization that allows for continuous normal operations while a final budget is approved.

Navy Personnel Command's ability to release approximately 10,000 orders at the end of fiscal year 2010 minimized the impact of the CR until now. To date, NPC has received 40 percent less funding than planned and is currently releasing priority orders for members with detachment dates between February and May 2011. Sailors detaching in the next few months who have not yet received orders will likely have less than two months lead time when the orders are released.

Navy has utilized this prioritization strategy in previous PCS funding-constrained periods with the intent to minimize impact to Fleet readiness, career timing, and families. Emphasis will remain on global support assignment rotations, career milestone billets, critical readiness fills, minimizing gaps at sea for deployed units and those working up to deploy, and keeping the training pipelines moving.

Anticipating a heavy volume of Fleet questions and concerns, Navy leadership reminds the Fleet that the Sailor to detailee ratio is 1500:1 which means there may be a delay in response to individual questions. When seeking more information on this topic, Sailors are asked start with the PCS "Frequently Asked Questions" on the NPC website at <http://www.npc.navy.mil> or to contact the NPC call center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC (1-866-827-5672).

To read NAVADMIN049/11, visit <http://www.npc.navy.mil/ReferenceLibrary/Messages/<BR<a>>>

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