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To direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to establish a pilot program to provide corrosion prevention and control assistance to Coast Guard field units, and for other purposes.

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Mr. EZELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “United States Coast
5 Guard Corrosion Control Assistance Team Pilot Program
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
3 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant of
4 the Coast Guard, acting through the Assistant Com-
5 mandant for Acquisition, shall establish and carry out a
6 pilot program, to be known as the “United States Coast
7 Guard Corrosion Control Assistance Team Pilot Pro-
8 gram”, to provide corrosion prevention and control assist-
9 ance to Coast Guard field units.

10 (b) SCOPE.—In carrying out the pilot program estab-
11 lished under subsection (a), the Commandant shall—

12 (1) provide on-site corrosion prevention and
13 control technical advisory services and direct assist-
14 ance to Coast Guard field units upon request;

15 (2) develop and maintain a repository of corro-
16 sion prevention and control best practices and les-
17 sons learned applicable to Coast Guard maritime as-
18 sets;

19 (3) assess corrosion conditions and recommend
20 corrective and preventive maintenance actions at
21 Coast Guard units;

22 (4) support training and education of Coast
23 Guard personnel in corrosion prevention and control
24 techniques;

25 (5) coordinate with the Department of Defense
26 Office of Corrosion Policy and Oversight and other

1 relevant Federal agencies to leverage existing exper-
2 tise, technical standards, and program data; and

3 (6) collect data and metrics necessary to assess
4 the effectiveness of the pilot program and inform fu-
5 ture programmatic decisions.

6 (c) PILOT PROGRAM OBJECTIVES.—In carrying out
7 the pilot program established under subsection (a), the
8 Commandant shall specifically seek to—

9 (1) demonstrate the feasibility and effectiveness
10 of a Coast Guard-specific corrosion control assist-
11 ance capability;

12 (2) apply lessons learned from the Navy’s Cor-
13 rosion Control Assistance Team program and other
14 Department of Defense corrosion programs to the
15 unique operational environment of the Coast Guard;

16 (3) quantify the impact of corrosion prevention
17 and control interventions on Coast Guard asset
18 readiness and service life; and

19 (4) develop recommendations related Coast
20 Guard anti-corrosion prevention and control initia-
21 tives.

22 **SEC. 3. ACTIVITIES.**

23 In carrying out the pilot program established under
24 section 2, the Commandant may—

1 (1) procure equipment, tools, and materials nec-
2 essary for corrosion assessment and control activi-
3 ties;

4 (2) train program personnel;

5 (3) contract with non-Federal entities for tech-
6 nical expertise and advisory services; and

7 (4) develop data systems and information man-
8 agement tools to support program operations.

9 **SEC. 4. ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING.**

10 (a) CORROSION CONTROL ASSISTANCE TEAMS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the pilot
12 program established under section 2, the Com-
13 mandant shall establish not fewer than 2 Corrosion
14 Control Assistance Teams consisting of qualified
15 corrosion prevention and control specialists.

16 (2) TEAM COMPOSITION.—Each Corrosion Con-
17 trol Assistance Team shall consist of personnel with
18 technical expertise in—

19 (A) marine coatings and surface prepara-
20 tion;

21 (B) cathodic protection systems;

22 (C) coatings and corrosion control training;

23 (D) corrosion control of C5I (Command
24 and Control, Communications, Computers,
25 Combat Systems, and Intelligence) systems;

1 (E) corrosion engineering and failure anal-
2 ysis; and

3 (F) preventive maintenance program devel-
4 opment.

5 (3) QUALIFICATIONS.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Members of the Corro-
7 sion Control Assistance Team shall possess rel-
8 evant technical certifications, including corro-
9 sion control credentials from AMPP (including
10 certified Coating Inspectors, Protective Coat-
11 ings Specialists, Cathodic Protection Special-
12 ists, and Corrosion Specialists) and commensu-
13 rate demonstrated expertise, as determined by
14 the Commandant.

15 (B) ACCREDITATION.—Firms performing
16 the work should be AMPP QP 5 Accredited.

17 (b) INTERAGENCY COORDINATION.—In establishing
18 and staffing the pilot program, the Commandant may—

19 (1) enter into memoranda of understanding
20 with the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the
21 Army, or the Secretary of the Air Force to detail
22 military or civilian personnel with corrosion preven-
23 tion and control expertise to the pilot program;

24 (2) contract with private sector entities pos-
25 sessing relevant technical expertise; and

1 (3) request technical support and subject mat-
2 ter expertise from the Department of Defense Office
3 of Corrosion Policy and Oversight.

4 **SEC. 5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

5 (a) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than 18 months
6 after the date on which the pilot program commences op-
7 erations, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee
8 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate
9 and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
10 of the House of Representatives an interim report on the
11 pilot program that includes—

12 (1) a summary of field unit visits conducted
13 and services provided;

14 (2) preliminary data on the impact of program
15 activities on asset readiness and maintenance costs;
16 and

17 (3) any significant challenges encountered in
18 program implementation and proposed corrective ac-
19 tions.

20 (b) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 90 days before
21 the date on which the pilot program is scheduled to termi-
22 nate under section 6, the Commandant shall submit to the
23 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
24 the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and In-

1 frastructure of the House of Representatives a final report
2 on the pilot program that includes—

3 (1) a comprehensive assessment of the effective-
4 ness of the pilot program in achieving the objectives
5 described in section 4(c);

6 (2) quantified metrics on improvements in asset
7 service life and operational readiness attributable to
8 pilot program activities;

9 (3) lessons learned from the pilot program and
10 from coordination with Department of Defense cor-
11 rosion programs;

12 (4) a detailed assessment of the feasibility and
13 projected cost of a permanent, full-scale Coast
14 Guard corrosion prevention and control program;
15 and

16 (5) a recommendation from the Commandant
17 on whether to establish such a permanent program,
18 and if so, a proposed program structure, staffing
19 plan, and funding requirements.

20 (c) PUBLICATION.—The Commandant shall make
21 each report required under this section publicly available
22 on a publicly accessible website of the Coast Guard.

1 **SEC. 6. DURATION OF PILOT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The pilot program shall terminate
3 on the date that is 3 years after the date on which the
4 pilot program commences operations.

5 (b) EXTENSION.—The Commandant may extend the
6 pilot program for a period of not more than 2 additional
7 years if the Commandant determines, and notifies the
8 committees specified in section 5 not later than 180 days
9 before the termination date, that—

10 (1) the pilot program has demonstrated suffi-
11 cient effectiveness to warrant continuation; and

12 (2) additional time is needed to collect data
13 necessary to make a final determination on the es-
14 tablishment of a permanent program.

15 **SEC. 7. CONSULTATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the pilot program,
17 the Commandant shall—

18 (1) establish formal consultation mechanisms
19 with the Office of Corrosion Policy and Oversight of
20 the Department of Defense to access technical ex-
21 pertise, standards, and program data;

22 (2) seek to leverage, to the maximum extent
23 practicable, existing Department of Defense corro-
24 sion prevention and control tools, processes, and best
25 practices; and

1 (3) where appropriate, develop Coast Guard-
2 specific adaptations of Department of Defense corro-
3 sion prevention and control standards and processes.

4 (b) NAVY CCAT CONSULTATION.—The Commandant
5 shall specifically seek to—

6 (1) conduct a formal review of the structure,
7 operations, and outcomes of the Navy’s Corrosion
8 Control Assistance Team program prior to standing
9 up the first Coast Guard Corrosion Control Assist-
10 ance Team under this Act;

11 (2) wherever practicable, adopt Navy Corrosion
12 Control Assistance Team operational procedures and
13 technical standards that are applicable to Coast
14 Guard assets; and

15 (3) establish a formal information sharing
16 mechanism with the Navy Corrosion Control Assist-
17 ance Team program to facilitate ongoing exchange
18 of lessons learned and best practices.

19 **SEC. 8. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.**

20 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
21 of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Com-
22 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
23 Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
24 structure of the House of Representatives an implementa-
25 tion plan for the pilot program that includes—

- 1 (1) identification of the Coast Guard districts
2 or units to be served during the initial phase of the
3 pilot program;
- 4 (2) a proposed schedule for commencing pilot
5 program operations;
- 6 (3) a framework for measuring and reporting
7 pilot program outcomes, including specific perform-
8 ance metrics; and
- 9 (4) a description of planned consultation activi-
10 ties with the Department of Defense.

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