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Northrop Grumman Receives Environmental Award for Outstanding Performance

SAN DIEGO – Dec. 16, 2004 – Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) has received the California Environmental Responsibility Award from the Industrial Environmental Association and the California Manufacturers & Technology Association.

Continental Maritime, a subsidiary of the company's Newport News sector, was honored for demonstrating a commitment to environmental protection and resource conservation.

This award signifies a perfect compliance record for 2004, and Continental Maritime was recognized as the first shipyard in the nation to achieve a zero environmental discharge rate.

The shipyard achieved this by eliminating all discharges, including storm water, to the San Diego Bay. They began the effort in 2001 by installing a collection system to divert all runoff from the San Diego Bay. They also re-routed steam condensate from boilers and air conditioning units to collection tanks for sewer disposal. They used cutting-edge technology to collect fresh water and salt water fire main testing discharge, which is used as fire protection for many of the U.S. Navy vessels moored at the facility. The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board has inspected the new fire protection water discharge elimination system and confirmed that all point source discharges have been eliminated.

"This award is a tribute to the men and women of our shipyard," said Dan Flood, general manager of Continental Maritime. "Their commitment to protecting the environment and preventing pollution is of great benefit to both our company and the San Diego community."

The Industrial Environmental Association was formed in 1983 to promote responsible, cost-effective environmental laws and regulations, facilitate environmental compliance among member companies and provide related education activities for the community at large.

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The California Manufacturers & Technology Association (CMTA) works to improve and enhance a strong business climate for California's 30,000 manufacturing-, processing- and technology-based companies. Since 1918, CMTA has worked with state government to develop balanced laws, effective regulations and sound public policies to stimulate economic growth and create new jobs while safeguarding the state's environmental resources.

Located in San Diego, Continental Maritime delivers service and support to aircraft carriers as well as other ships in the U.S. Navy fleet stationed on the West Coast. Continental Maritime is a certified Master Ship Repair Contractor with the U.S. Navy and has accomplished hundreds of ship repair contracts for the Navy and Military Sealift Command.

Northrop Grumman Newport News, headquartered in Newport News, Va., is the nation's sole designer, builder, and refueler of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and one of only two companies capable of designing and building nuclear powered submarines. Newport News also provides after-market services for a wide array of naval and commercial vessels. The Newport News sector employs about 19,000 people.

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