Cadmium Alternatives for Fasteners
Status and Way Forward

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Introduction

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Where We Have Been

• Cadmium is a Hazardous Material
  – US OSH Regulated
  – US EPA Regulated
  – Not a Prohibited Material In US
  – Not a Prohibited Material In DoD
Where We Have Been

• ESTCP/SERDP/JG-PP Sponsored Work
  – JG-PP: Alternatives to Electrodeposited Cadmium for Corrosion Protection and Threaded Part Lubricity Applications (Project Number: J-95-MF-006)
  – JG-PP: Cadmium Replacements for Department of Defense (DoD) and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Applications (Project Number: J-00-MF-024)
    • Structural Cadmium
    • Fastener Cadmium Coating Alternatives
    • Connector Cadmium Alternatives
Where We Have Been

• Other DoD Sponsored Work
  – Army
    • Independently Evaluated Alternatives
    • Implemented Alternatives
    • No Cadmium in FCS
  – Air Force
    • Independently Evaluated Alternatives
    • Implemented Alternatives
    • No Cadmium in JSF
  – Navy
    • No Independent Alternative Evaluation
    • No Implementation
Where We Are

• Cadmium Not The Only Problem
  – Hexavalent Chromium in Chromate Coatings
    • US OSHA reduced PEL in 2006
    • US OSHA may further lower PEL

• US National Regulations Not Only Source
  – Europe
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Where We Are

• Industry Moved Faster than DoD
  – Auto and Ground Vehicle Industry
    • No Cadmium
    • No Hexavalent Chromium
  – Electronics Industry
    • No Cadmium
    • No Hexavalent Chromium
  – Commercial Aviation Industry
    • No Cadmium
    • No Hexavalent Chromium
• Industry Moved Faster than DoD (Cont.)
  – Diminishing supply sources
    • Cadmium plating more expensive
    • Hexavalent Chromium more expensive
  – Are we getting what we expect?
Where We Are

- **ESTCP/SERDP/JG-PP**
  - Aware of Need
    - 2006 Metal Finishing Workshop
    - 2006 Partners In Environmental Technology Technical Symposium and Workshop
  - SERDP
    - 2008 Solicitation
    - WPSON-08-01 "ENVIRONMENTALLY BENIGN, HIGH-STRENGTH FASTENERS FOR WEAPONS SYSTEMS"
  - ESTCP
    - 2008 Solicitation
    - Topic 4 "WEAPONS SYSTEMS & PLATFORMS (WP)"
  - JG-PP
    - Joint Cadmium Alternatives Team (JCAT)
Where Do We Go From Here?
• Needs
  – Cadmium and Hexavalent Chromium Free Alternatives
    • Identify
    • Evaluate
  – Test Protocol
  – Design Guidance
  – Implement Alternatives
A Way Forward

• New High Strength Steel Fastener Cadmium (and Hexavalent Chromium) Alternatives
  – Coordinated Efforts
  – Diverse Team
    • Industry
    • DoD
  – Information Sharing
  – Submit Proposals To ESTCP/SERDP As Appropriate
A Way Forward

• Proposed ESTCP/JG-PP Program
  – Year 1
    • Joint Test Protocol
    • Potential Alternatives Report
    • Correlate Existing Data
    • Test Program
  – Years 2 & 3
    • Testing
    • Identify Additional Work
    • Communicate
• Proposed ESTCP Program (Cont.)
  – Year 4
    • Test Report
    • Design Guidance
    • Implementation
  – Follow-On
    • Implementation
      – Specifications
      – Design Documentation
      – Stock System
I Need Your Help!
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  – Stakeholders and Interested Parties
  – Test Data
  – Participation in Work
  – Ideas
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