

## **Seafloor Cable Protection Office**

The Naval Seafloor Cable Protection Office (NSCPO) protects the Navy's interests with respect to seafloor cables by providing internal coordination and external representation of Navy's interests and concerns to DoD, other government agencies and the industry (both foreign and domestic).

The Naval Seafloor Cable Protection Office (NSCPO) was created in response to an increasing number of cable breaks. During the late 90's, the Navy was averaging 10 breaks per year. In 2000, Naval Facilities Engineering Command stood up the Naval Seafloor Cable Protection Office. NSCPO is now the "front office" point of contact for all Navy and DoD seafloor cables. As such, the NSCPO participates in national and international forums with the commercial undersea cable industry and other government agencies. In addition, NSCPO represents the interests of all Navy cable owners in policy discussions with all levels of United States government. This approach allows the Navy to present a single, unified, and coordinated approach to cable protection and policy issues.

