



Picture of the week
A construction worker finishes rebar and form work in preparation for pouring a concrete walkway scheduled for completion in late summer. FISC, Yokosuka's household goods warehouse will store personal property in a climate controlled environment. (Photo by Keiichi Adachi, CFAY Public Affairs)

Back to basics – the ABC's of CHRIMP

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Hazmat compliance, like breathing, is a continuous process. A sure way to identify areas of improvement and your levels of compliance with Executive Order 13148 (the reduction of toxic chemicals procurement and use by 40 percent, and hazardous substances procurement and use by 50 percent), is getting back to the basics. Dusting off the tried and true can help individuals refocus on why Navy-wide compliance procedures and the Consolidated Hazardous Material Reutilization and Inventory Management Program (CHRIMP) were initially adopted.

Furthermore, in order to reach our compliance objectives, we have to know and understand what CHRIMP really means and how to apply its best practices to achieve desired results. Simply defined, Naval Supply Systems Command and CHRIMP procedures promote compliance with a broad range of Federal, State and local environmental rules and regulations.

Specifically, CHRIMP mandates procedures to control, track and reduce the variety and quantity of hazardous

The Compliance Mini Quiz

1. Do you procure hazard materials on your own?
2. Are you currently using your purchase card to procure Hazmat supplies?
3. *Have you obtained command approval for your Authorized Use List?
4. Is FISC Code 600 processing your purchases for hazardous materials supplies?

If you answered yes to either of the first two questions, then STOP taking the quiz and contact a FISC Hazardous Materials representative at 243-6009, for immediate assistance. Answer key: 1. Yes = noncompliance, 2. Yes = noncompliance, 3. Yes = compliance, 4. Yes = compliance

*A Hazmat Authorized Use List captures all Hazmat that a work center, department, or shops are authorized to have and the application of that material's use.

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materials in use, both ashore and afloat. Although working outside the box is not always a bad thing, even the best-built mousetrap can't function effectively without the use of basic procedures. Procedure adherence is crucial for shore and afloat commands to attain Hazmat compliance and realize the benefits derived by working within CHRIMP guidelines.

The CHRIMP concept is important to Fleet Industrial Supply Center (FISC) commands, Commander, U.S. Naval

Forces Japan (CNFJ), Commander, Fleet Activities, Yokosuka (CFAY), Ship Repair Facility (SRF) and the Public Works Center (PWC) because it provides optimum oversight of Hazmat use, reutilization and inventory control. The benefits of using CHRIMP are significant and include the ability to provide mandated, accurate environmental reports, personnel safety, improved shipboard damage control response, environmental protection and potential savings in maintenance without degrading operational readiness.

expiration is considered hazardous waste.

Were you aware that unopened and expired shelf life hazardous materials adversely affect material replacement and removal costs, which impacts CNFJ and commands not only in Yokosuka but also across the fleet? You can lend a hand by eliminating unauthorized purchases, excessive orders and identifying expired stored materials for proper removal. Compliance with CHRIMP can significantly reduce the amount of material loss through product expiration, nonuse and cost associated with proper removal.

A Questioning Attitude

Although awareness and education are essential steps to understanding the CHRIMP process, active engagement is the lynchpin to achieving compliance. Active engagement also entails maintaining a questioning attitude as to how Hazmat is purchased, used and stored in your work areas. Furthermore, an earnest self-assessment of work areas can go a long way in identifying how well your command is practicing CHRIMP procedure adherence. Review your department's recent CHRIMP site survey to thoroughly assess usage levels, trends and how Hazmat is processed to better gauge how compliance is managed. Site surveys are valid sources of data, and although individual tenant commands differ in how they manage hazardous materials, effective use of site surveys, combined with expertise from (FISC) Code 600's Hazmat staff, present numerous opportunities for commands to raise their compliance bar.

How can you help raise the compliance bar? One major discrepancy noted during the CHRIMP of Yokosuka naval base were the excessive amounts of unopened and expired hazardous materials stored in unauthorized spaces. According to FISC Hazmat staff, 95 percent of Hazmat material directly and adversely impacted by shelf life

Hazardous Material Minimization Centers

The ultimate goal of the CHRIMP operation ashore is to serve as an inventory control system for the centralized management of hazardous materials throughout its life cycle – the usable life of the material. In support of this effort, FISC Hazardous Material Minimization Center (HMC) personnel are knowledgeable in a number of HMC Hazmat disciplines. They are ready to assist individuals or commands with inventory control, material purchases, material issue, tracking, bar coding, specific non-safety related training, coordinated disposal and removal, monitoring usage levels and more. The HMC is a one-stop shop that offers cradle to grave Hazmat management services using Regional Hazmat Inventory Control software to manage Hazmat needs. Capable procurement agents are on hand to satisfy Hazmat requirements for Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) partners, and systems and hardware technical support are also among the services your FISC HMC offers. Help is just a phone call away. "Back to basics – the ABC's of CHRIMP" is the second in a series of compliance articles published in support of this initiative. For more information, check links on www.yoko.fisc.navy.mil.



Customer driven!

Illuminated blue and yellow signs on Bldg. B-52 facing Nimitz Blvd., next to Skate Land accents Yokosuka's Navy Exchange's (NEX) touted NEX Depot. After a \$375,000 facelift and grand opening last July, NEX Depot's small, but dedicated workforce has pursued but one mission – satisfying its customers. The air-conditioned store not only welcomes customers with an assortment of 1,700 items for home cleaning, office work and general repairs, its sparkling floors and spacious well-lit aisles sport everything from paint brushes to refrigerators, Palm Pilots, assorted tools and even chef's uniforms. NEX Depot is a one-stop shop that's open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Photo by Keiichi Adachi, CFAY Public Affairs)