ELECTRONIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROVIDES ACCESS TO MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS

NADEP, North Island has implemented the Hazardous Material Management System (HMMS), which electronically tracks hazardous materials as they are received, issued, and used throughout the Depot. A key feature of the HMMS is its electronic filing system for tracking Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs). The system allows employees 24-hour access to print an MSDS for any hazardous substance used or stored at NADEP, North Island. This complies with the OSHA regulation that allows employers to maintain electronic copies, vs. paper copies of MSDSs.

When a container of a hazardous substance is issued from NADEP's hazardous materials issue center, a computer-generated tracking label is placed on the container. The label includes the name of the product, its manufacturer, the National Stock Number (NSN) for the product, a unique computer-generated MSDS numerical identification code, a hazard code, expiration date of the product, and a unique product serial number.

The goal of electronic management of MSDSs is to ensure that NADEP, North Island employees have uninterrupted access to information on any hazardous substance with which they may come in contact. Employees are aware that they can obtain hard copies of MSDSs at any time. Thanks to HMMS/Oracle Web Based technology, all of the MSDS data is now available for “view/print” at any PC within the depot. It isn’t necessary to be near a Hazardous
Material issue site or to have HMMS installed on the PC. MSDS information can be directly accessed through any web browser by typing in the MSDS numerical identification code, NSN, manufacturer’s name, hazard code, or product serial number from the HMMS-generated label.