

**Newport News Shipbuilding  
Contractor Environmental, Health and Safety  
Resource Manual**

**Hazard Communication**

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### 1. *Program and References*

- a. Employees potentially exposed to hazardous substances in the workplace have a “right to know” about these hazards and how to protect themselves as required by the OSHA hazard communication regulations: 29 CFR 1910.1200, 29 CFR 1915.1200 and 29 CFR 1926.59. Contractors at NNS must implement their hazard communication program in accordance with applicable OSHA regulations.
- b. During the NNS pre-approval process (see General Information), each contractor must provide to the NNS EH&S Department a copy of that contractor’s written Hazard Communication Program. This document must describe the contractor’s program for complying with each element of the applicable OSHA standard(s). The contractor shall provide a copy of any changes to NNS on an annual basis.
- c. The requirements listed below are taken from Volume II, Chapter 20 of the NNS *Health and Safety Manual*, which is the primary NNS reference. These requirements shall be updated as necessary when this primary reference is changed.

### 2. *Labeling*

Except for end-use containers, the OSHA regulations require that all containers in the workplace must be labeled with: 1) the identity of the contents and 2) appropriate hazard warnings. NNS requires that at NNS, all containers, including end-use containers and temporary containers, must be labeled with the identity and hazard warnings.

### 3. *Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)*

- a. On multi-employer workplaces, OSHA requires that employers share MSDSs to ensure employees know about hazards to which they may be exposed. Contractor Coordinators at NNS must provide MSDSs to contractors for all materials that NNS provides for the contractor to use and upon request for any other materials to which they may be exposed.
- b. All contractors must provide MSDSs to NNS Dept. O27 for approval for all hazardous materials that they use while at NNS prior to use in the Shipyard. In addition to the MSDS, all contractors must provide to NNS Department O27 the quantity of material used and the applicable purchase order number. Contractors shall use the *NNS Contractor MSDS Cover Sheet* to provide this information (see Appendices).