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MEMORANDUM FOR CODE 590

Subj: Handling of Asbestos Containing Materials in Shop Stores 56, 41 and 26

Ref: (a) Meeting with D. Murray, Code 590.4, and L. Liukonen, NRMC Code 430.2, of 1 Mar 77

1. The Industrial Hygiene Branch reviewed the asbestos containing material handling and storage procedures in Shop Stores 26, 56 and 41 on 1 March 1977.

2. Findings and recommendations:

a. Shop Stores 26

Finding. Asbestos containing heat shielding millboard (NSN 5640-00-270-1621) is dispensed to rod shacks where it is further dispensed to individuals for use as a heat shielding board during welding. The board is received in and dispensed from Shop Stores 26 in sealed boxes of 6 sheets each.

Recommendation. The board should not be dispensed from Shop Stores 26 in other than full sealed cartons. The boxes must be stenciled with "Contains asbestos fibers, avoid creating dust, repackage into poly bags before issue."

b. Shop Stores 41

Finding. The following asbestos containing materials are issued from Shop Stores 41:

(1) Johns-Manville Sheet Packing Style 60
(2) GAF Asbestos Millboard
NSN 5640-00-270-1622
5640-00-270-1621
5640-00-270-1690
(3) Asbestos Sheet
NSN 5330-00-268-9879
5330-00-268-9880
(4) Asbestos Woven Tape
NSN 5330-00-285-2071
5330-00-502-6533
(5) Asbestos Packing Rope
NSN 5330-00-190-9982
(6) Tadpole Gasket
NSN 5330-00-285-2071
5330-00-371-8095

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(7) High Pressure Handhole Gasket
NSN 5330-00-306-1128
5330-00-502-9001
186-4095
803-8195
186-4099
803-1921
802-9002
599-5781
801-7200
186-4100
802-9003

(8) Garlock Gasket Material
NSN 5330-00-585-9501

Recommendation. As discussed in reference (a) all asbestos containing material should be stored in a separate room. A sign should be posted on the entrance to the room stating as follows: "Caution - Asbestos Material Storage Area - Do Not Remain in Area Unless Your Work Requires It - Dust Respirator Required."

All material should be issued in plastic bags which are sealed and labeled as asbestos containing. The area must be cleaned regularly using a vacuum cleaner equipped with a special high efficiency filter.

c. Shop Stores 56

Finding. Pipe hangars which have been lined with asbestos are stored in open bins.

Recommendation. The bins containing lined pipe hangars should be enclosed and labeled as containing asbestos. Hangars should be added to the respirators while placing hangars in the bins. Hangars must be issued in sealed plastic bags which are labeled as containing asbestos. The area should be cleaned frequently using a vacuum equipped with a special high efficiency filter.

3. All personnel working in shop stores who may handle asbestos materials must be advised of the hazards of asbestos and the necessary precautions. The Industrial Hygiene Branch is available to assist in this training as needed.

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