

Navy Crane Center

People Helping People Put Ships To Sea Through Weight Handling Safety. Supporting Fleet Readiness With A Strong Sense Of Urgency.

In September 1997, the Secretary of the Navy signed SECNAVINST 11260.2, Navy Weight Handling Program for Shore Activities. This established the Navy Crane Center as a direct component of NAVFAC and the cognizant activity responsible for standardizing and improving weight handling programs at Navy shore activities worldwide. As stated in the SECNAVINST, "Safe and reliable weight handling is critical to the operation of the Navy. Each day the Navy applies its extensive inventory of weight handling equipment to lift ordnance, naval nuclear propulsion plant components and equipment, new and spent nuclear fuels, electronic equipment, hot metals, components of ships and submarines, supplies, construction materials, and hazardous material items needed to support the Navy's worldwide commitments. Safe conduct of the operations is key to precluding damage to equipment or personal injury."

We employ approximately 90 civilians and provide engineering expertise, technical support, acquisition services, technical training, and auditing services throughout the world. We are engineers, project managers, contract specialists, equipment specialists, training specialists, safety specialists, information technology specialists, and support professionals dedicated to the support of our shore activities which provide a vast array of safe and reliable weight handling services to our fighting forces. Corporately, we have centuries of experience in engineering, acquisition, and life cycle management of weight handling equipment (WHE).

Acquisition

- Procurement of Navy shore-based weight handling equipment with a capacity of 20,000 pounds or greater, all WHE for special applications, and WHE for other Department of Defense agencies when specifically authorized.
- Assistance in procurement, to ensure certifiability, of smaller capacity WHE.

In-Service Technical Support

- Engineering investigation, consultation, and solutions.
- Crane alterations and configuration control.
- Accident investigation, review, and analysis.
- Crane safety advisories and equipment deficiency memorandums.
- WHE deficiency reports.
- Equipment and procedure problem resolution.

Policy

- Criteria for design, management, maintenance, inspection, testing, certification, alteration, repair, operation, and rigging for WHE.

Training

- Formal training for mechanics, inspectors, test personnel, riggers, operators, and certifying officials
- "Hands-on" training and program management assistance.

Compliance

- Evaluations of Navy shore activities.
- Corrective action.
- Special purpose service validations and third party certifications.

The Navy Crane Center leads the Navy's weight handling program by establishing policy and providing engineering, acquisition, technical support, training, and oversight for compliance to maintain readiness to Navy shore activities worldwide per SECNAVINST 11260.2. Our goal is to achieve safe and reliable weight handling programs throughout the Navy. Visit our Internet site at <https://www.navfac.navy.mil/ncc>.

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"Safe and Reliable Weight Handling Programs at Navy Shore Activities . . . Essential Enabler for Fleet Readiness."

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