

Mercy Ships Stays Focused on Its Mission with VelocityEHS Chemical Management



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- Over 1,600 volunteers from 40+ countries
- Over 78,000 operations provided

Mercy Ships is a global nonprofit, faith-based charity that brings cutting-edge medical care to people in developing nations throughout the world.

Since 1978, Mercy Ships has worked in more than 70 countries providing services valued at more than \$1 billion, treating more than 2.5 million direct beneficiaries. Each year, Mercy Ships has more than 1,600 volunteers from more than 40 nations. This volunteer crew has performed more than 78,000 life-changing operations such as cleft lip and palate repair, cataract removal, orthopedic procedures, plastics surgery, maxillofacial reconstruction, and obstetric fistula repair.

To keep their fleet running smoothly, Mercy Ships depends on its International Operations Center in Garden Valley, Texas, to maintain the crucial link between its ships and valuable supplies.

Curtis Bush has been Director of Supply Chain at Mercy Ships for almost two

years. He and his team coordinate with the extensive network of donors and suppliers who keep their 15,000 square foot facility stocked with provisions for the fleet. Some of these supplies include potentially hazardous chemicals. To help manage the inventory and keep the facility compliant with local, federal and global hazard communication regulatory requirements, Mercy Ships has used VelocityEHS Chemical Management since 2007.

“We’re responsible for putting together regular shipments of 40-foot containers of supplies that are sent to the ships,” says Mr. Bush. “Our facility can have stockpiled as much as six months to a year’s worth of supplies at any given moment. On top of that, we’re building a new flagship for 2018 that we’re getting ready to supply. With all these different projects, VelocityEHS Chemical Management is great for helping us stay organized and keeping our inventory in compliance.”

VelocityEHS Chemical Management is a powerful environmental, health and safety (EHS) solution for companies of all sizes and in all industries. Providing employees with required right-to-know access to safety data sheet information, VelocityEHS Chemical Management is designed to make workplaces safer and more efficient. A cloud-based system that can be easily accessed over multiple device platforms, it’s an efficient way for organizations like Mercy Ships to manage their chemical inventory and keep in compliance.

Rob Nunziato, Logistics Manager for Mercy Ships, supervises the hazmat needs of the operations center.

“We’re basically supporting a floating city,” explains Mr. Nunziato. “So we’re dealing with everything from general supplies, to medical and technical supplies, to cleaning supplies. We also do a lot of just-in-time inventory — that is, inventory that arrives just before it will be sent out to our ships. We’re very appreciative of how VelocityEHS helps us stay compliant for all of this.”



Adds Mr. Nunziato: “Before VelocityEHS, we used paper binders of safety data sheets. But [VelocityEHS Chemical Management] is better and saves us time.”

In addition to utilizing VelocityEHS Chemical Management, more recently, Mercy Ships began using VelocityEHS on-demand online trainings.

“The training system has been easy to implement, and the courses are truly educational,” concludes Mr. Nunziato.

For more information about how VelocityEHS solution can help support HazCom needs for charitable and mission-based organizations — so they can get back to the important work of improving people’s lives — visit www.EHS.com. For more information about Mercy Ships, visit www.mercyships.org.

KEEPING MISSION-BASED ORGANIZATIONS STRONG AND IN COMPLIANCE

At VelocityEHS, we understand the passion that nonprofits and mission-based organizations bring to the communities they serve. That’s why we work so hard to help them keep in compliance with local, national, and international HazCom standards. As many organizations find out too late, being mission-driven doesn’t exempt them from inspections and potential citations for noncompliance by regulating entities — or from the need to keep their staff safe and educated on the materials they handle. If your organization includes part time or full time employees who are exposed to hazardous chemicals, it’s vital to keep them informed about the nature of the hazards. At VelocityEHS, our solutions are trusted by thousands of organizations — both for-profit and nonprofit — to ensure that employees stay safe and in compliance, and that everything runs smoothly!

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Benefits of VelocityEHS Chemical Management

Millions of MSDSs at Your Fingertips

24/7 access to the industry’s leading database of safety data sheets ensures your company’s library is up-to-date and in compliance.

Simplify Compliance

Easy-to-use tools help you meet hazard communication requirements (OSHA / WHMIS / GHS), including hazard determination, right-to-know access, labeling, safe chemical handling, PPE, and more.

Improve Chemical Management

Robust chemical management tools provide greater container-level control over the location, status and risk associated with the chemicals you use. Our free mobile SDS/Chemical Management app lets you scan barcode/QR code labels for in-the-field container management.

Mobile Access

Our online accounts are mobile optimized, and our free SDS/Chemical Management app makes it possible to access SDSs and chemical inventory information offline, when internet connectivity is limited. With these mobile capabilities, critical chemical safety information is always at your fingertips.

Regulatory Compliant

Multiple back-up options mean your system meets OSHA, WHMIS and other regulatory requirements for electronic safety data sheet /chemical management.

Quick ROI & Low Cost of Ownership

VelocityEHS Chemical Management pays for itself by eliminating time-consuming, manual administrative tasks. Plus, there’s no software to install or maintain, and you get immediate access to new features.

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