Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Division (NSWC IHD) brings together the largest full-spectrum energetics facility in the Department of Defense (DoD) with the largest concentration of explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) technology and resources in the world.

The U.S. Navy, DoD agencies, and allied nations all come to NSWC IHD for energetic systems solutions and EOD expertise. We support the warfighter of today and of tomorrow through discoveries that anticipate the next generation’s future needs.

One of ten divisions of the Naval Sea Systems Command Warfare Center Enterprise, NSWC IHD has the largest U.S. workforce in the DoD dedicated to energetics and EOD and is home to more than 2,700 employees, approximately 70 of which hold doctorates.

The main site for NSWC IHD is located at Naval Support Facility Indian Head, a 3,500-acre peninsula along the Potomac River in Southern Maryland. NSWC IHD also has two official detachments and six off-site locations, including sites in Picatinny, New Jersey; McAlester, Oklahoma; Rock Island, Illinois; and Ogden, Utah; and employees stationed throughout the world.
From D.C. – I-95 / 495 Beltway
Maryland side of Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Take Exit 3, Route 210 South towards Indian Head (Indian Head Highway). Travel approximately 20 miles. Go through Town of Indian Head until road ends at entrance to the base.

From Virginia (Dahlgren)
301 North to La Plata. Turn left on Route 225 and travel approximately 11 miles to Route 210. Turn left on Route 210 and take road to base entrance.

From Southern Maryland (St. Mary’s / Pax River)
Take Route 5 North to Route 6 towards La Plata. Turn North onto Route 301 for 1 mile then left onto Route 226 towards Indian Head approximately 10 miles. Turn left onto Route 210 until road ends at entrance to the base.

From Annapolis / Maryland’s Eastern Shore
Route 50 West to Route 301 South. Follow 301 South to Waldorf. Bear right on Route 228 approximately 6.9 miles before bearing left onto Route 210 South. Follow Route 210 approximately 10 miles to the main gate.

From Baltimore (BWI):
Route I-95 West, merge onto Route 295 South (Baltimore Washington Parkway). Merge onto Route 495 South to Exit 3, Route 210 South towards Indian Head (Indian Head Highway). Continue South on Indian Head Highway approximately 20 miles to main gate.

Pass Office is the small brick building to the right just before the main gate.

Important Numbers
(all prefixes are 301-744)
Commanding Officer – 1600
Technical Director – 6515
Security – 4495
Pass Office – 4379
Public Affairs Office – 6505