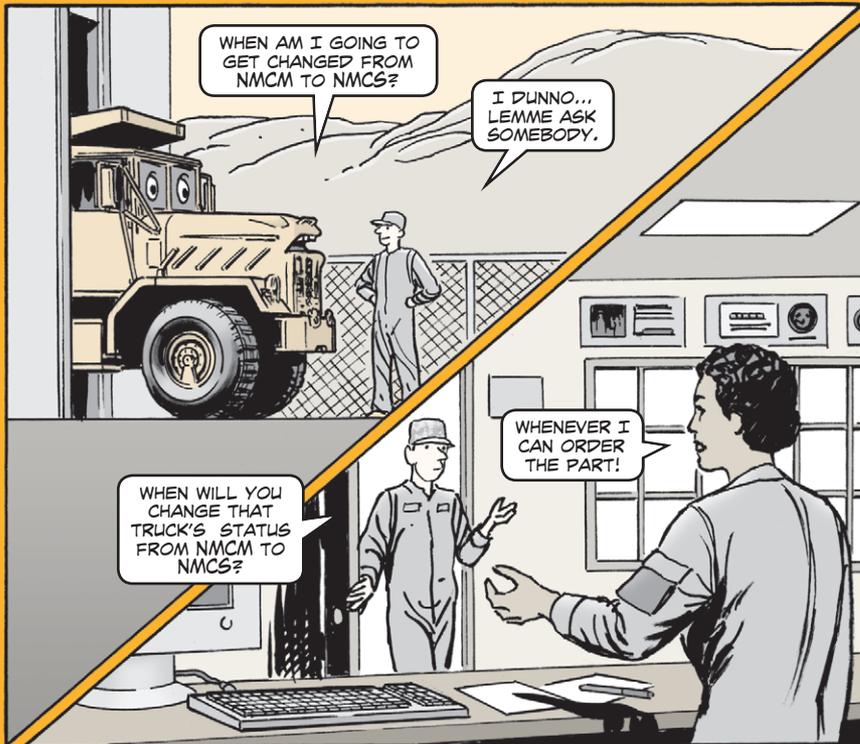


WHEN DO YOU CHANGE YOUR WORK ORDER STATUS?



Dear Half-Mast,

Some years ago, I read somewhere that you change the work order status when you determine a part is needed to repair an NMC piece of equipment, as opposed to changing the status when the part is actually ordered.

Waiting to change the code until the part is ordered doesn't seem right. If the unit is out of funds and has to wait a month to get money to order parts, the equipment could sit as NMCM for the month. But the equipment is NMC due to the lack of repair part supply, not because the unit isn't doing maintenance.

What's the right answer?

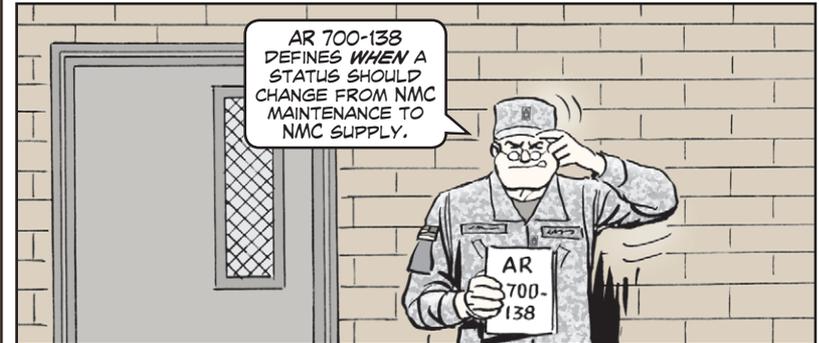
MSG J.C.

CHANGING STATUS CODES CAN BE CONFUSING. TRY FOLLOWING THESE IDEAS.



Dear MSG J.C.,

Generally, AR 700-138, Army Logistics Readiness and Sustainability, covers when work order status codes change. But this seems to be a case where practice is a bit different than procedure in the reg.

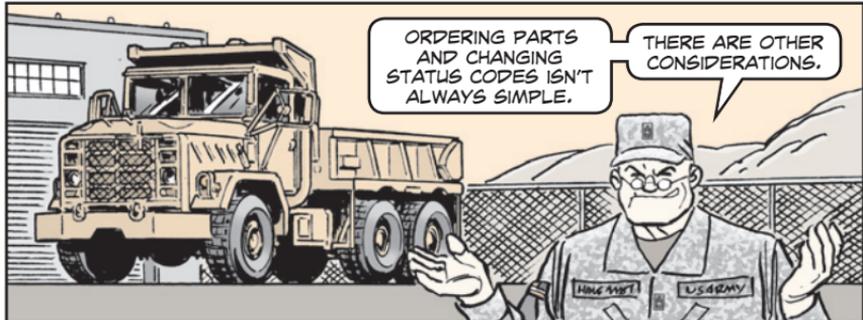


The regulation offers definitions of NMCM and NMCS.

NMCM begins when the equipment has an NMC fault that doesn't require a repair part. The maintenance repair is underway. NMCM continues until all work on the fault is completed "or the non-availability of a Class IX repair part creates a work stoppage." When there is a non-availability of Class IX (repair parts), or shortage of authorized sub-systems, NMCS demand time starts.

NMCS occurs when equipment is "not capable of performing any of their assigned missions because of a maintenance work stoppage due to the need for a repair part or a supply shortage of an authorized subsystem."

PS MORE



The ordering actions aren't really that simple. What if the unit is out of funds? If the repair part is ERC B or C, can the unit wait for the normal flow of funds? Maybe.

It's a commander's call and he or she will need to weigh maintenance needs in deciding whether to get additional funding from resource management, find the needed part in another unit's stocks on a reimbursable basis, or wait for funding.

Certainly, reportable assets with ERC P or A should cause the commander to use all available means (resource management fund transfers and other installation/major unit SSA/ASL/PLL/bench and shop stock assets) to bring the reportable asset back to mission capable status as quickly as possible.



Visit PS Magazine Online!

Read it! Search it! Copy it! Email it! Print it!
<https://www.logsa.army.mil/psmag/pshome.cfm>

Have a topic for PS Magazine?

Got a question? Have a solution? Want to suggest a story idea? Email:
logsa.psmag@conus.army.mil