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The U.S. Fire Administration develops reports on selected major fires throughout the country. The fires usually involve multiple deaths or a large loss of property. But the primary criterion for deciding to do a report is whether it will result in significant "lessons learned." In some cases these lessons bring to light new knowledge about fire -- the effect of building construction or contents, human behavior in fire, etc. In other cases, the lessons are not new but are serious enough to highlight once again, with yet another fire tragedy report.

The reports are sent to fire magazines and are distributed at national and regional fire meetings. The International Association of Fire Chiefs assists USFA in disseminating the findings throughout the fire service. On a continuing basis the reports are available on request from USFA.

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### OVERVIEW

The Kansas City, Missouri Fire Department lost six firefighters and their vehicles - two entire pumper companies - in an explosion that occurred while they were extinguishing a fire at a construction site. The fire involved a trailer/magazine containing blasting mixtures of ammonium nitrate and fuel oil, most containing aluminum pellets, too. The fire also involved two other vehicles and ultimately a second trailer/magazine that also exploded. A summary of the incident's key issues is present in table form on the following pages.

The firefighters were not told specifically what was in the trailer/magazine, but had been cautioned by the dispatcher about explosives on the site. Exactly what they suspected was in the trailers will probably never be known.

The two captains and four firefighters involved were highly experienced. Four of the six had attended National Fire Academy field courses on hazardous material identification. They also had DOT Hazardous Materials Guidebooks in their vehicles.

However, the trailers/magazines containing the blasting agents probably had no markings or placards indicating their contents, and the crews may never have been sure of what was in them, especially since other, prominently marked magazines were present, and may have been misconstrued to contain all the dangerous materials. The Fire Department was not aware of the presence of the trailers/magazines or their contents before the incident due to a lack of jurisdictional authority and because the city's Fire Prevention and Protection Code did not require the City Engineer to notify the Fire Department that blasting permits had been issued. (This was immediately changed after the incident.) More importantly, the Kansas City Fire Department had no authority or responsibility to inspect the site because it was a State enclave.

Furthermore, it is not clear that if the personnel on the scene had known of the presence of the blasting agent (ammonium nitrate mixed with fuel oil), their hazardous materials training or their use of the DOT Guidebook would have necessarily led them to behave differently than they did.

### SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

Issue	Comments
Cause	Arson
Casualties	Six firefighters killed in explosion while fighting magazine/trailer fire.
Property Type	State of Missouri highway construction site with explosives in magazines and 50,000 lbs. of ammonium nitrate/fuel oil mixture (most with aluminum pellets) stored in two trailers/magazines.
Fire Department Awareness of Explosives on Site	Fire Department had not been involved in blasting permit process and was unaware of explosives on the site prior to the incident; Nor did the Department have jurisdictional authority over the site.  Dispatcher was told of presence of explosives, but not what was stored, nor where.
Firefighters' Awareness of Explosives on Site	Both pumper companies were told of explosives on the site by the dispatcher, but nothing specific.  Trailers/magazines probably were not placarded nor marked to indicate contents. They were not required by ATF to be marked when parked on site.

## SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES Cont'd

Issues	Comments
Firefighter HazMat Training	Four of the six firefighters killed had taken National Fire Academy field HazMat courses.  Course materials do not appear to place sufficient emphasis on explosive hazard of fighting fires involving ammonium nitrate.
Emergency Response Guides	Format and sequence of DOT Guidebook may not be sufficiently clear in an operational environment.  Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) clearly says flee this type of fire.
ATF Policy	While there is no official ATF policy against placarding, there appears to be a generally accepted practice in the field of removing placards when not in transit.
Jurisdictional Issues	State highway site is not under city control regarding permits or inspections, according to City Attorney.  ATF has universal jurisdiction over explosives except during transportation, but does not ordinarily inspect or issue permits for sites.  Local fire departments are almost always the first responder, have their personnel at risk, yet do not always have regulatory control or guaranteed coordination from other agencies.

## THE INCIDENT

On November 29, 1988, an alarm was received at 0340 by the Kansas City, Missouri Fire Department indicating there was a fire at a highway construction project. The caller, a night guard at the site, initially stated that there was "a small pickup truck" burning. In the background a woman could be heard saying "the explosives are on fire." The woman was later identified as another guard.'

The caller went on to say 'I... there's a fire on both sides of the highway." Then, in response to the dispatcher asking "What's burning?", the caller said: "Uh, there may be some -- there's some explosives up- on a hill that I also see now is burning."

The dispatcher then directed Pumper 41 to respond to the pickup truck fire. He added: "Pumper 41, use caution on your call. There's information there may be explosives. It's in a construction area ...' (Editor's underlining here and elsewhere in quotes.)

Pumper Company 41 was dispatched and, upon arriving at 0346, found that there were in fact two separate fires. It radioed dispatch at 0347 to send another pumper company.

When the second company, Pumper 30, arrived, at 0352, at the second fire, which was several hundred yards away, the first company called dispatch and stated that there seemed to be two arson fires and requested that the police be sent. The first-in company also asked dispatch to warn the second company of explosives.

"If you can get 30, tell them there's a trailer on fire up there, stay away from it . . . There's supposed to be explosives involved in this." This was at 0357, five minutes after the second company had arrived. Pumper 41 also asked that a battalion chief be sent "emergency."

At 0359, Pumper 30 asked the dispatcher, "Can you confirm that there is explosives in this trailer or not?" The dispatcher responded, "Pumper

<sup>1</sup> A transcript of the dispatcher's tape recording was prepared for this investigation by a court-qualified stenographer. Excerpts are attached in Appendix A.



41 advised that, and we have additional information on the original call that there were explosives in that area, use caution."

To recap, at this point, both units had been advised that there were explosives on the scene and both had acknowledged this. But they had not been told specifically that the trailer was a magazine with explosives, nor what might be on the site. They gave no indication they had seen a placard, nor that they realized the "trailer" was a magazine, nor that they knew the contents. They also did not seem alarmed. The first company extinguished the fire in the pickup truck and proceeded to the other fire to assist the second company. A truck, a "trailer," and a compressor -- three separate vehicles were on fire at this time (about 0402). Pumper 41 also requested that a four-wheel-drive squad be sent.

However, as indicated above, they appear to have been aware that there might be explosives in the trailer.

At 0404, Pumper 41 called to Battalion Chief 107, who was en route to the scene: "Apparently this thing's already blowed up, Chief. He's got magnesium or something burning up here." (They may have been seeing sparks from the aluminum sides of the trailer burning.)

At 0408, approximately 22 minutes after the first pumper company arrived on the scene and approximately 16 minutes after the second company arrived on the scene a catastrophic explosion occurred. All six firefighters assigned to both companies were killed. The battalion chief and his driver who had just arrived and stopped about a quarter mile away received minor injuries. Their windshield was blown in.

After the first explosion, the battalion chief immediately pulled back and prevented other firefighters from entering the area. A command post was set up at a safe distance.

Approximately 40 minutes later, a second explosion occurred, followed by several minor explosions. The explosions broke windows far from the site and were heard through a wide area.

There were two large craters found where the two trailers had been. The first trailer explosion created a swimming pool-like crater, with a

"deep part" 80 feet in diameter and eight feet deep connected to a smaller crater 20 feet in diameter and six feet deep. The second trailer explosion created a crater approximately 100 feet in diameter and eight feet deep. (See aerial photo in last Appendix.)

Information received from the Kansas City Fire Department is that the first explosion involved a trailer/magazine with a split load. One end had approximately 3,500 pounds of ammonium nitrate/fuel oil mixture. The remainder of the load was approximately 17,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate/fuel oil mix with 5 percent aluminum pellets. The second explosion was a trailer/magazine loaded with approximately 1,000 30-pound "socks" of ammonium nitrate/fuel oil mixture with 5 percent aluminum pellets.

#### **THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT SITE**

The project under construction was the Bruce R. Watkins Memorial Drive; more specifically, an area near the intersection of U.S. Highway 71 and 87th Street in Kansas City, Missouri, (See Appendix B.) The highway project required the moving of substantial quantities of limestone that was routinely broken up by drilling holes into the rock, placing a blasting agent in the holes, and then detonating it. Kansas City has large quantities of limestone throughout the area, and there were in fact several limestone quarry operations going on.

Professionals who deal with blasting have indicated that high explosives such as dynamite are too expensive to use as the routine blasting material. There also is greater instability with high explosives as opposed to blasting agents.

One of the most common blasting agents used throughout the United States is a mixture of ammonium nitrate with fuel oil. The common name for the product is ANFO, although it can be marketed under other names by individual manufacturers. If a more powerful explosive is needed, aluminum dust or pellets can be blended in. This creates a "hotter" load. Reportedly, of the approximately 50,500 pounds of ammonium nitrate/fuel oil

mixture involved in these explosions, 47,000 pounds contained the mixture of 5 percent aluminum.

Personnel at the construction site indicated they used between 10,000 and 16,000 pounds a day on the average. The material came in 30-pound socks that were placed into the drilled holes, then detonated with a device such as a blasting cap.

The material was divided between two trailers/magazines less than 100 feet apart. There were no built up berms or barriers between the trailers. Section 55.218, Table of Distances for Storage of Explosive Materials in the ATF Explosives Law and Regulation Handbook, states that with 25,000 to 30,000 pounds of explosives there must be a distance of 224 feet between trailers/magazines if unbarricaded.

The trailers/magazines were less than 600 feet from Highway 71 and less than 350 feet from 87th Street. There was a berm between the trailers/magazines and Highway 71. The minimal distance from Highway 71 should have been 933 feet.

There was not a berm between the trailers/magazines and 87th Street. Elevation of the land is such that the trailers/magazines were above most of the street. Traffic on this street is less than on Highway 71. If it was considered a class A to D highway, the minimal distance should have been 680 feet. NFPA 495, Table of Distances for Storage of Explosives, generally agrees with the ATF Handbook distances. (See Appendix C.)

The Kansas City Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) described ANFO as one of the safest blasting materials in use. Its volatility comes about when it is enclosed or is in a "compressed area."<sup>2</sup> If it then ignites, it has substantial explosive capabilities. This may explain the delayed ignition of the second trailer. The stability of the ANFO may have kept it from exploding from a shockwave and flying debris, but tires and wooden parts of the trailer/magazine may have ignited, eventually causing the ensuing explosion.

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<sup>2</sup> A "compressed area" means a small, packed space like the cylindrical hole used in blasting.

The ammonium nitrate mixtures were stored in two appropriate "Type 5" trailers/magazines specifically designed to transport and store blasting agents. The trailers were in the open, not enclosed in any fencing. According to workers from the site, the trailers were not placarded when stored. As noted earlier, there is no evidence in the dispatcher tapes that the crews saw any placards or any other information on the trailers as to what they held.

Appendix N has a photograph of a typical Type 5 trailer/magazine from the same blasting agent manufacturer in use at another site in Kansas City at the time of the explosion. The permanently attached, foldable placards on the back of the trailer were in the "up" (covered) position. It is standard industry policy, according to the president of a blasting mixture company, to place placards down when the trailers leave the plant loaded, and to turn them up when they park on a site. Having placards covered or removed on site would not have been in violation of existing ATF regulations. The separation distances were in violation of ATF regulations. (See Appendix D for excerpts from the ATF regulations.)

Also on the site were two yellow high-explosive magazines used to store dynamite and blasting caps. (They appear in the aerial photo in the last Appendix.) It is possible that the crews on the scene saw these other magazines and thought they were the "explosives" referred to by the dispatcher. However, they did continue to question the contents of the trailer. One of the firefighter's bodies was found in the vicinity of one of these containers with a portable hand radio nearby. It is thought possible (but is again speculation) that he was scouting these magazines when the explosion occurred.<sup>3</sup>

#### **CITY, STATE, AND FEDERAL CODES AND GUIDELINES**

At the time of the explosion, Kansas City had adopted the Uniform Fire Code, 1982 Edition, for fire prevention and protection. Article III, Blasting, Section 14.33 Permit-Required, states that anyone doing any blasting within the City limits shall obtain a permit from the City Engineer. (See Appendix E.)

<sup>3</sup> The condition of the deceased suggested that he was not near the trailer when it blew and was killed at a distance by the blast wave.

All permits issued were under the Kansas City fire code, but there was nothing in the regulations requiring the City Engineer's office to notify the Kansas City Fire Marshal's office of any blasting operations. Also, the permit application did not require specific information in regard to type, quantity, or site location of the explosives to be employed.

An additional jurisdictional problem appears to exist regarding "State Enclave" legislation. The City Attorney's office rendered an opinion after this incident that, based on the provisions of Article IV, Section 29 of the Missouri Constitution and Section 227.030, RSMo (1986), the City has "no rights whatsoever" to enforce its code on State highway projects or their contractors (see Appendix F). The City should not issue permits or do any construction inspection or supervision on the projects. Thus, the City Fire Marshal's office faces the dilemma between what it would like to do and what it can legally enforce. And the City Engineer apparently did not have jurisdiction to issue the permit it did!

Since the explosion, the Kansas City Fire Marshal's office has implemented changes that allow it to become cognizant of blasting material and blasting projects within their jurisdiction. All blasting permits now must be cleared through the Fire Marshal's office, as well as the City Engineer. Additionally, permit applications now require a more extensive description of the site project, the material being used, how it is stored, and a plot diagram showing storage locations (see Appendix G). Hazardous material permits already were being registered in the Kansas City alarm office. Unusual conditions within structures (e.g., wild animals, people with physical impairments, and hazardous materials) have long been maintained in a computer file there.

**ATF** -- The role of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) with respect to codes and enforcement is described in their explosives law and regulation handbook, ATF P 5400.7 (11/82). ATF oversees the manufacturing of explosives and the licensing of any user of explosives. They have the authority to regulate and inspect at all times. However, they seldom are able to inspect all user locations simply because of manpower

shortages and the mobility of user sites. Many inspections are done in response to reported compliance failures or other reported incidents.

Because they have not been provided with adequate resources, ATF has little choice but to adopt a passive approach to enforcing their regulations, placing the burden of compliance on affected individuals or organizations.

Under Section 843(b)(5) of the ATF handbook, user applicants must demonstrate and certify in writing that they are familiar with State laws and local ordinances relating to explosive materials for the location in which they intend to do business. ATF is not under any obligation to inform the fire marshal or fire department about any explosive material over which they have regulatory power. ATF does not issue site specific permits or licenses; rather, the license is issued to the user. Local code does not supersede ATF guidelines, though the ATF handbook implies that users should comply with local codes. (See Appendix D.)

#### **LABELING AND CODING OF STORAGE FACILITIES FOR EXPLOSIVES AND BLASTING AGENTS**

One special codes and enforcement issue pertinent to this incident was the requirement -- or lack of requirement -- for labeling the trailers/magazines.

There are three classes of explosive material: high explosives (for example, dynamite); low explosives (for example, fuse lighters); and blasting agents (for example, ammonium nitrate/fuel oil mixture). The class of explosive dictates the type of magazine in which it is to be stored according to ATF guidelines. Types 1, 2, and 3 are magazines for high explosives. Type 4 is for low explosives. These four types of magazines are normally of smaller, heavier construction and brightly colored.

Type 5 magazines are for blasting agents and were in use on this site and involved in the two explosions. Blasting agents are typically stored in large quantities and are delivered in mobile Type 5 magazines which

usually are owned by the manufacturers of the material (as in this incident) and have the appearance of a standard freight trailer. It may be a single or double axle trailer, depending on the load amount. (See Appendix H for Type 5 magazine storage requirements and construction exhibits.)

While the blasting-agent is en route from the manufacturer to the user site, it is subject to regulation by the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT regulations state that the vehicle must be placarded for identification purposes. This is the only time the explosive material is not directly under ATF jurisdiction. Once the Type 5 mobile magazine is parked, it is again under the jurisdiction of ATF. At this point the DOT placards usually are removed (or folded up), creating the problem of identification of contents.

The logic behind ATF's not requiring labeling of Type 5 magazines when parked is that they are less susceptible to theft and vandalism if they are not readily identified. By appearing as innocuous trailers, fewer people know what they contain. Unfortunately, as tragically illustrated here, this lack of knowledge also applies to firefighters.

One reason for this orientation toward confidentiality is that the ATF's regulations and the act that requires them were prompted primarily by the nationwide concern in the early 1970's over domestic terrorism.

Thus, while not officially opposed to placarding on site, the ATF regulations do not require them and do not address the issue. Furthermore, the removal of placards from trailers/magazines upon arrival on site appears to be an accepted practice in the field.

The National Fire Protection Association standard for "Manufacture, Transportation, and Storage of Explosive Materials - 1985" (NFPA 495) requires in Section 6-4,6 that "the local fire department . . . be notified of the location of all magazines . . ." The standard also requires in Section 6-85 that the property on which "Type 1 and outdoor Types 2, 4 and 5 are located be posted with signs reading 'Explosives - Keep Off.'" The standard does not, however, require placarding or marking of the Type 5 magazines themselves or identification of the explosives. (See Appendix I.)

## **FIREFIGHTER HAZARDOUS MATERIAL TRAINING**

Four of the six firefighters involved in this explosion, including both company officers, had received some exposure to hazardous material training through National Fire Academy field courses. Four had completed the NFA course, "Recognizing and Identifying Hazardous Materials."

The stated scope of this course is "to develop the basic skills with which to identify hazardous materials problem in their communities, to recognize hazardous materials presence, and to identify the specific hazardous material(s) and associated hazard characteristics." (See Appendix J for excerpts from National Fire Academy courses.)

The course stresses firefighter safety in hazardous material incidents. The acronym "D.E.C.I.D.E." is used repeatedly throughout the course text to guide the student through the emergency intervention process and to minimize personal risk. It stands for "Detect hazardous material presence; Estimate likely harm (without intervention); Choose response objectives; Identify action options; Do the best option; and Evaluate process." There are protective measures discussed throughout the course, all advising to continually exercise caution.

Much material in this course deals with problems encountered with transportation, such as accidents or leakage problems from vessels or tankers. In most of these instances, the hazardous materials are identified through DOT placards. The first chapter of the course addresses the many types of hazardous materials that can be expected. In the slide/tape script section, on slide #1036, blasting agents are described as being "so stable that there is little chance of an accidental explosion." While this may be taken to mean explosion from physical handling, the possibility of explosion from a fire needs to be added in view of this incident. This and the DOT Guidebook's reference material need to be brought into agreement with the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) information (discussed further below).

One of the two company officers and one firefighter who had taken the Identification course also had taken a second National Academy field course, "Hazardous Material Incident Analysis." The basic outline of this



course parallels the previously mentioned course but goes into greater detail regarding detection, intervention, and hazardous material behavior. Throughout the course, safety is emphasized. The second chapter poses the question, "What is the mission of your organization?" The suggested response is to protect life and property and do this safely. This theme is repeated throughout the text.

However, on page I-10, slide #24 description, ammonium nitrate/fuel oil mixture is described as "so insensitive that there is very little probability of accidental explosion." But six pages later, page I-16, slide #82, ironically depicts a scenario in which an unmarked trailer containing 26,000 pounds of blasting agent exploded in a fire, killing six firefighters and destroying their apparatus -- similar in several aspects to the Kansas City incident.<sup>4</sup> Both hazardous material courses downplay the potential explosiveness of the type of blasting agent involved in this incident. This impression needs to be corrected.

Both courses primarily address situations where hazardous materials are being transported and the materials are placarded or identified through bills of lading. The matter of shipping/transporting hazardous materials is indeed a major area of concern and an appropriate focus; but the dangers presented by lack of information on storage sites also need to be discussed in the classes, especially in light of the Kansas City incident. There were no indications that a means of identification such as fencing or signs was present at the Kansas City incident. Lack of such warning multiplies the potential danger associated with fire response involving blasting material.

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<sup>4</sup> The scenario describes a truck driver in Marshall's Creek, Pennsylvania, who noticed a tire fire on his vehicle. He removed the placards and then notified the fire department. Firefighters, upon their arrival, could not find the driver or see any indications of the trailer's contents. While attempting to extinguish the fire, the contents - 13 tons of blasting agent - exploded, killing "six firefighters." (The incident actually had three civilian and three firefighter fatalities.) This slide also is used in the Haz Mat Identification course (Slide 1036).

## **ANALYSIS OF THE AWARENESS OF THE CREWS AS TO THE DANGER**

As noted earlier, we will never know the entire picture regarding what the crews on the scene knew and thought about the hazard they faced. We do know from the dispatch tapes that they were aware of explosives on the site. We also know that the guards did not tell the dispatcher what materials were stored, nor where they were stored, and the dispatcher never asked them for this information. While it is clear from the tapes (see Appendix A) that they thought there might be explosives in the trailer, we can only speculate about their decision to fight the fire.

The two trailers were less than 100 feet apart. If either captain was familiar with distancing tables as set out in the ATF regulations, he may have assumed the contents were standard construction materials, as the distance requirements for explosives were not met. The lack of placarding or any special markings on the trailers may have added to the notion that they did not contain explosives.

Pumper 30, the second company to arrive at the construction site, was assigned to the area where the explosive material was stored. After notifying dispatch of their arrival, there was an almost five minute gap before their next transmission. This was enough time for Pumper 30 to have crossed into the construction area, driven on the back access road, seen the bright yellow high and low explosive magazines, and returned to the equipment fire. Both companies may have assumed they had located and isolated the explosives and felt safe in suppressing the equipment and trailer fires. But to repeat, this is speculation.

The body of the driver for Pumper 30 was found southeast of the explosion. A hand radio was found nearby. It is the driver's normal duty to stay with the equipment to operate the pumper. For him to be away from his normal duty position in the direction of the high explosive magazines and carrying a radio may also suggest he was further scouting the area for hazardous material. But again, this is speculation.

It is known that both captains had many years of firefighting experience and both had completed the field course from the National Fire Academy for "Recognizing and Identifying Hazardous Materials." Additionally, the

captain and driver on Pumper 30 had taken the "Hazardous Materials Incident Analysis" course. The theory advanced by some after this fire that the problem was that not enough firefighters have hazardous material training would not seem to apply here. The two captains had been trained in recognizing hazardous materials.

All information here points to the conclusion that they did not know what was in the trailers. And if they did know, based on either knowledge of local blasting operations or even a placard, they may still not have appreciated the great hazard they faced. Their courses, the information contained in the DOT Guidebook, and the information available to them about the site together still may not have been sufficient to allow them to recognize the magnitude of the hazard.

#### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDEBOOK (DOT P 5800.4) AND MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS**

Pumper companies in Kansas City carry the 1987 edition of the DOT Emergency Response Guidebook. A Guidebook was found lying in the demolished cab of one of the pumpers. The four firefighters who had taken hazardous material courses could have been expected to be familiar with the reference material in the DOT guide.

There are 15 variations of ammonium nitrate listed in the DOT Guidebook. Next to each type of material is a guide number that leads to information on the potential hazard and the appropriate emergency response. Each variation of ammonium nitrate also has a hazardous material ID number with the sole exception of ammonium nitrate-fuel oil mixtures. In all other uses or variations ammonium nitrate is listed as a hazardous material but when mixed with fuel oil it is listed as a blasting agent. There is no referral to ammonium nitrate/fuel oil as a hazardous material. (See Appendix K for excerpts from the DOT Guidebook.)

Blasting agents are assigned Guide Number 46 for the proper procedure in handling any potential emergency or hazard. The guide states this material may explode and throw fragments one-third of a mile or more if fire reaches the cargo area. The guide directs responders not to fight fire in the cargo and to try to prevent a fire from reaching the explosive cargo

compartment. The guide also provides a subheading that describes the action to be taken for "Truck and Equipment Fires." It says to flood them with water, or if no water is available, to use Halon, dry chemical, or dirt.

Under the next subheading, "Cargo Fires," directions given are not to move the cargo or vehicle if the cargo has been exposed to heat and not to fight the fire when it reaches the cargo. The instructions given are to withdraw from the area and let the fire burn.

The possible confusion here to a firefighter using the book in an emergency is in the labeling and sequence of the headings. The bold type addresses "Truck and Equipment Fires" and "Cargo Fires." A pumper company arriving on a scene at 0340 hours and finding a trailer normally pulled by a truck along with construction equipment on fire may have a tendency to read the action to be taken under the first heading for "Truck and Equipment Fires," i.e., flood with water or, put simply, to fight the fire.

The Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for ammonium nitrate addresses the issue differently. (See Appendix L.) Under "Special Fire Fighting Procedures" it simply states, "Fires involving explosive materials should not be fought." It further instructs to "Evacuate personnel to a safe location upwind of the fire. Burning material may produce toxic vapors." All suggested procedures are, of course, contingent upon the materials involved being identified.

#### **LESSONS LEARNED**

1. Dispatchers need to seek and transmit the type, location, and amount of hazardous materials present as early as possible.

The importance of obtaining details on the hazardous materials known to be present at the time an alarm is called in cannot be overstated. This was addressed in the Kansas City Hazardous Material SOP, item #5. (See Appendix M.) The dispatcher needs to query the caller and ask for specifics. In this incident the dispatcher did ask what was burning, but did not receive a complete answer. It was not determined whether the night guards had any

further details, but callers should be probed further in such a situation when feasible.

Guards and any other personnel likely to be first to report a fire should be informed about hazardous material they are guarding and instructed to volunteer that information to the fire department in an emergency. This guidance should be passed on to local industry.

2. Incident command procedures to be used in the face of unknown risks should be spelled out, especially for situations where there is no threat to civilian lives.

The evaluation of the scene and the actions taken by the first officer at a fire or hazardous material incident are critical. The Kansas City Hazardous Material SOP, item #6, covers this. Emphasis should be placed on responses to industrial or construction sites where any type of enclosed structure is involved. Simply stated, if a container or building is on fire at these sites and the contents are not known, and there is no immediate threat to life or significant property, consideration should be given to evacuating the area. Emergency personnel should be drawn back to a safe distance, out of the line of sight and upwind.

Pre-fire plans can provide a great deal of information about the risks at hand during an incident. Many departments relay this information to responding units via the dispatcher or in-vehicle telemetry. Ironically, Kansas City was one of the first and best known communities to have a computerized file listing unusual risks in occupancies throughout the city. Unfortunately, enclaves render such a system useless.

3. Local means of improving identification of parked or stored blasting agents should be considered.

The current ATF Explosives Law and Regulation handbook does not address the issue of outside container identification. While awaiting potential changes in federal guidelines from DOT, ATF or other agencies, local governments should consider what they might do in the interim. One simple solution would be to require placarding of magazines on site.

If there is local concern about having placards affixed to the magazines (to keep contents confidential and reduce possibility of theft or vandalism), there are other alternatives. One alternative is to provide a numerical code or symbol that is less obvious.

Another approach is to encourage or require installation of chain link fences around the mobile/portable magazines. The Type 5 mobile magazines involved in this explosion were, in essence, freight trailers that had been hauled to the user site. A chain link fence with gates at two ends of a four-sided parking area would allow vehicles to pull through. (See photograph in last Appendix, taken at another Kansas City site.)

Kansas City has already made changes on its own, and now requires the City Engineer's office to advise the Fire Marshal's office of any application for blasting. They have developed a document that identifies the quantity and type of explosive material, the type of storage facility, and requires a copy of the MSDS sheet. Kansas City additionally has the applicant prepare a plot diagram showing hazardous material locations. These documents are to be made a part of the material in the responding fire companies' handbooks.

4. Fire departments should review local procedures for regulating hazardous materials.

Kansas City was already aware of the jurisdictional problems involving State/Federal enclaves within their City limits. The City had to make changes in local administrative procedures to gain information about explosive materials on all types of sites. If these problems existed in Kansas City, no doubt they exist elsewhere.

5. Users of blasting materials should consider reducing amounts of explosives and blasting agents kept on site.

The Kansas City construction site was only about one hour's drive from the manufacturer of the blasting agent, yet a three to five day supply of

blasting agent was kept on site. Tradeoffs among frequency of resupply, road exposure, site exposure and costs should be considered to arrive at an optimum method of supply for a project.

6. The NFPA Technical Committee on Explosives should review its requirements regarding marking of magazines.

The firefighters in this incident knew there were explosives on the site. NFPA 495 would have required the site to have a sign saying "Explosives -- Keep Off" and to have notified the Fire Department about the location of explosives, but not to have the magazines marked. Reconsideration is needed of the dangers of more explicit marking of contents and location versus the hazard to firefighters.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FEDERAL ACTION**

It is the opinion of the United States Fire Administration that the tragic incident in Kansas City is in part the result of incomplete or unclear information. The immediate local issues and possible corrective actions (some of which have already been implemented by local authorities) have been discussed earlier.

What is more disturbing is the observation made in the report concerning the DOT Haz Mat Guide and the National Fire Academy Field Training Courses. There exists the possibility that even if the two trailers/magazines had been placarded, or the two officers on the scene had otherwise been aware of the contents of the burning trailer/magazine, they may not have adopted a different course of action.

The difficulty is not that the material in either the DOT Guide or the courses is incorrect or that an appropriate course of action cannot be deduced from them. The difficulty is that the correct course of action is not unmistakably clear.

In the case of the training courses the single reference to an incident similar to the Kansas City explosion is offset by repeated references to the inherent stability of blasting agents in general and ammonium nitrate in

particular. It is not clear that the residual impression left with even an attentive student would lead to a decision to evacuate and not fight the fire.

In the case of the DOT Guide the clear warning given at the top of the relevant section is offset by the detailed discussion further down the page of truck and equipment fires (see Guide 46, Appendix K). There is a similar potential area of confusion regarding ammonium perchlorate (which was the material involved in the 1988 Henderson, Nevada chemical plant explosion). The guide indicates that if the material is in particle form, 45 microns or smaller, evacuation is called for. If larger than 45 microns the fire can be fought with protective clothing (by implication, hazardous materials suits will protect against toxic off gases). Given the absence of any requirement for placarding it is not clear how firefighters would be able to make this distinction. (In any case the material that exploded in Henderson was reported to have been 90 microns or larger, implying that there may be other problems with this particular set of guidelines.)

The principal point is that educational materials, field guides for operations, and regulations governing Hazardous Materials and particularly explosives need to be developed with the immediate problems and operational environment of the emergency response personnel as a primary focus.

Absolute clarity regarding worst case consequences is essential. These materials are being developed to guide the actions of emergency personnel whose natural tendency in the case of firefighters is, not surprisingly, to fight fire. To assert that when in doubt evacuation is the most prudent course of action is to overlook the nature of the profession of fire fighting. Entering a burning building is an inherently dangerous act. In developing guidance for personnel who are accustomed by training and experience to take significant risks as a matter of course, absolute clarity and accuracy are essential.

Therefore the United States Fire Administration recommends that a general review of pertinent federal regulations governing the manufacture, storage and handling of explosives (and hazardous materials); Federally-sponsored training materials for first responders; and Federally-developed



field operations guides be undertaken by the responsible agencies. The object of such a review is to ensure that emergency response personnel who find themselves on the scene of an incident at three o'clock in the morning have as clear a picture as possible of the situation confronting them and the actions which they may most prudently take to protect lives and property.



**Federal Emergency Management Agency  
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Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727



May 10, 1989

Dear Editor:

I am happy to report that action is being taken here in Washington following the tragic Kansas City construction fire and explosion, which hopefully will decrease the chance of firefighters dying again in similar circumstances. Details are presented in the attached brief article for your use.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Hart".

John Hart  
Assistant Administrator

## **Federal Agencies Act Following Kansas City Explosion**

Federal agencies are taking action as a direct response to the tragic construction site explosion that killed six Kansas City firefighters.

Lessons learned from the incident, together with recommendations for improving placarding, training, and other safety practices, were published by the U. S. Fire Administration. With the full cooperation of Chief Edward Wilson of the Kansas City Fire Department and other city officials, USFA's Fire Investigations Program team spent three days on site and prepared the report "Six Firefighter Fatalities in Construction Site Explosion, Kansas City, Missouri, November 1988" which USFA has distributed widely to the fire community. (Copies are available on request from USFA.)

The U. S. Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has also taken action. Quoting from a recent letter from ATF Director Stephen E. Higgins to Clyde Bragdon, U. S. Fire Administrator:

"ATF shares your concern for the tragic loss of life suffered by the firefighters responding to this emergency and is committed to working with all parties to minimize possibilities of future incidents.

"ATF has the responsibility of regulating persons engaged in business involving explosives in interstate or foreign commerce and of reducing the hazard to persons and property arising from misuse and unsafe or insecure storage of explosive materials. Accordingly, ATF administers a system of licenses and permits, required records and reports, and sets construction and location standards for explosive material storage based on the quantity and class of the material to be stored.

"ATF recognizes that vehicles used for transporting and storing blasting agents are not easily identifiable as magazines and ATF support; leaving the Department of Transportation-placards (identifying the contents of the mobile unit) exposed to view as long as the vehicle contains any blasting agent material. ATF will incorporate such a requirement into the regulations governing storage.

"ATF has already, through its representative on the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Technical Committee for standard NFPA 495, supported the committee comment to include a provision that placards be left in place on vehicles storing blasting agents.

"Further, ATF will work with State fire officials to identify a single office in each state which will be responsible for disseminating periodic ATF provided lists of Federal licensees and permittees to the local fire agencies having jurisdiction over the various cities and counties.

"Finally, ATF will investigate any referrals received from State or local officials regarding possible illegal storage of explosives."

The U. S. Fire Administration is pleased with the response of the ATF, and Director Higgins is to be commended for these actions. To obtain a copy of USFA's report write Fire Investigations Program, U. S. Fire Administration, 16825 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727.

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**Six Firefighter Fatalities  
in Construction Site Explosion  
Kansas City, Missouri  
(November 29, 1988)**

**Appendices**

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## **U.S. Fire Administration Fire Investigations Program**

The U.S. Fire Administration develops reports on selected major fires throughout the country. The fires usually involve multiple deaths or a large loss of property. But the primary criterion for deciding to do a report is whether it will result in significant "lessons learned." In some cases these lessons bring to light new knowledge about fire -- the effect of building construction or contents, human behavior in fire, etc. In other cases, the lessons are not new but are serious enough to highlight once again, with yet another fire tragedy report.

The reports are sent to fire magazines and are distributed at national and regional fire meetings. The International Association of Fire Chiefs assists USFA in disseminating the findings throughout the fire service. On a continuing basis the reports are available on request from USFA.

This body of work provides detailed information on the nature of the fire problem for policymakers who must decide on allocations of resources between fire and other pressing problems, and within the fire service to improve codes and code enforcement, training, public fire education, building technology, and other related areas.

The Fire Administration, which has no regulatory authority, sends an experienced fire investigator into a community after a major incident only after having conferred with the local fire authorities to insure that USFA's assistance and presence would be supportive and in no way interfere with any review of the incident they are themselves conducting. The intent is not to arrive during the event or even immediately after, but rather after the dust settles, so that a complete and objective review of all the important aspects of the incident can be made. Local authorities review USFA's report while it is in draft. The USFA investigator or team is available to local authorities should they wish to request technical assistance for their own investigation.

This report and its recommendations were developed by USFA staff and by TriData Corporation, its staff and consultants, who are under contract to assist the Fire Administration in carrying out the Fire Reports Program.

USFA wishes to acknowledge the support and cooperation of the Regional Director and staff of FEMA's Region VII office in Kansas City and of the Kansas City Authorities without whose permission and wholehearted cooperation this report would not have been written. In particular we wish to acknowledge the cooperation and assistance of Assistant City Manager Raymond E. Shipman, Chief Edward W. Wilson (Chief of Department), Chief Robert L. Wallace (Fire Marshall), and City Attorney Sam Mumma.

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**Appendix A**

Transcript of Kansas City Dispatcher Tape

December 15, 1988.

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Fire Department

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Fire Alarm and Communications

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414 E. 22nd

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Kansas City, Missouri 64108

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Fire Explosion Transcript

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The following is a transcript of the recording made during the explosion incident, Alarm #15572 on November 29, 1988. For convenience, "D" indicates dispatcher; "C" caller; "LS" Lee's Summit; "R" Raytown; "IF" Independence Fire; "NC" Northwest Cass; "JCK" Johnson County, Kansas; "CJ" Central Jack; "E" Eagle.

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1 340:57

2 (D) Fire department.

3 (C) Yes, I want to report a fire.

4 (D) Whereabouts?

5 (C) It's on 71 Highway in the southbound lane.

6 (D) Okay, what's burning?

7 (C) A truck.

8 (D) Big truck; small truck?

9 (C) A small pickup truck.

10 (D) Whereabouts on 71?

11 (L) (Lady in background of caller) The explosives  
12 are on fire.

13 (D) Can you give me an intersection?

14 (C) Yeah, there's a fire on both sides of the  
15 highway. It's on 87th Street.

16 (D) 87th and 71? What's burning?

17 (C) Uh, there may be some -- uh, there's some  
18 explosives up on a hill that I also see now is  
19 burning.

20 (D) Okay; we'll have units there. Thank you.

21 (C) Uh-huh.

22 (214) 214 on the scene.

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24 0342:19 Still Alarm

25 (D) Pumper 41. There is a pickup truck at -- south

1 of Blue River and 71 Highway on the west side.  
2 Pumper 41, reported to be a pickup truck on  
3 Blue -- just south of Blue River and 71 Highway  
4 on the west side. Pumper 41, use caution on your  
5 call. There's information there may be  
6 explosives . It's in a construction area. The  
7 pickup truck may be in that area.

8 (18) Pumper 18.

9 (D) Received.

10 (18) We've got a car on fire at 2907 Linwood.

11 (D) Where at Linwood?

12 (18) 31st and Indiana.

13 (D) 10-4. We have a 3-1 at Benton. Go ahead and  
14 make the call.

15 (18) 10-4.

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17 0343:56

18 (41) 41 Clear.

19 (D) 41 Clear. Pumper 11, make 18s fill-in for 8s  
20 station. Pumper 11, make the fill in at 8s  
21 station.

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23 0344:15

24 (18) Pumper 18, 10-97 using one small on automobile.

25 (D) Pumper 18, 10-97 using one small on an

1                    automobile.

2            (32)            Pumper 32 is clear.

3            (D)                32 is clear.

4            (19)                19 station clear.

5            (D)                19 is clear.

6            (40)                Pumper 40 is clear.

7            (D)                Pumper 9 fill 10s. 10-4

8            (40)                Pumper 40 is clear.

9            (D)                40 pumper is clear. 10-4.

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11           0344:06

12           (19)                Pumper 19 is clear.

13           (D)                10-4.

14           (32)                Pumper 32.

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16           0346:41

17           (41)                Pumper 41, 10-97.

18           (D)                41 on the scene.

19           (5)                Open Pumper 5s door, please.

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21           0347:28

22           (41)                Pumper 41 to dispatcher.

23           (D)                Pumper 41.

24           (41)                We have two fires down here. One west of Blue

25                          River and one east of Blue River. You better get

1 another pumper company down here.

2 (D) Message received.

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4 0347:43 Still Alarm

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6 0347:45

7 (D) Pumper 30 went on to call Pumper 41 in the

8 vicinity of Blue River and 71 Highway. Pumper 30

9 with Pumper 41 make the call in the vicinity of

10 Blue River and 71 Highway. Check with Pumper 41

11 when you get in the area.

12 (11) 11 Pumper's clear.

13 (D) 11 Clear.

14 (9) Open 9s station or 9s door.

15 Open 9s and 6s truck door.

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17 0350:19

18 (30) 30 Pumper's clear.

19 (D) 30 clear.

20 (23) Open 23 Pumper's door, please.

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22 0352:58

23 (30) 30 Pumper 10-97.

24 (D) 30 on the seen.

25 (25) Open 25s door.

1 (D) 10-4. Pumper 40.  
2 (17) Pumper 17 is in service.  
3 (D) 17 in service.  
4 (17) This is 17. Do you still want us to move to 10s?  
5 (D) Stand by. Pumper 11, what's your location?  
6 (11) Pumper 11, Truman Road and Harrison.  
7 (D) 10-4. Going to 8s, Pumper 11. Pumper 17, for  
8 the time being return to your station.  
9 (17) 10-4.  
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11 0357: 20  
12 (41) 41 to dispatcher.  
13 (D) 41.  
14 (41) It appears to be two arson fires out here. Send  
15 the police.  
16 (D) 10-4. Is that on vehicles?  
17 (41) 10-4 -- uh, 41 to 30s Pumper. 41 to 30s Pumper.  
18  
19 0357:58  
20 (41) 41 to dispatcher.  
21 (D) 41.  
22 (41) If you can get 30, tell them that there's a  
23 trailer on fire up there, stay away from it, and  
24 we better have 107 out here. There's supposed to  
25 be explosives involved in this.

1 (D) Pumper 30.

2 (30) Pumper 30, 10-4.

3 (D) Do you want 107 emergency?

4 (41) Yeah, you can send him emergency.

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6 0358:24 Still Alarm

7 (D) Car 107 make the alarm. The companies are just

8 south of Blue River and 71 Highway. Pumper 41's

9 on the west side. 107 make the alarm. It's just

10 south of Blue River and 71 Highway on the west

11 side.

12 (8) 8 Pumper's door, please.

13 (D) 10-4.

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15 0359:31

16 (30) Pumper 30 to dispatcher.

17 (D) 30.

18 (30) Can you confirm that there is explosives in this

19 trailer or not?

20 (D) Pumper 41 advised that and we have additional

21 information on the original call that there were

22 explosives in that area, use caution.

23 (30) Pumper 30, 10-4. Send 41s up here when they're

24 here.

25 (D) 41, did you copy 30s message?



1 (41) 41, 10-4; we're in route now.  
2 (D) 10-4.  
3 (18) Pumper 18 in service.  
4 (D) 10-4.  
5 (10) Open Pumper 10s door.  
6 (D) 10-4.  
7 (18) Pumper 18s door.  
8 (D) 10-4.  
9 (211) 211 on the scene.  
10 (D) 211 on the scene.  
11 D KAB 9564 400.  
12 Dispatcher, open 12s Quint door.  
13 (D) 10-4. Quint 38.  
14 (17) Raise 17s door, please.  
15 (41) 41 to dispatcher. 41 to 107.  
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17 0402:13  
18 (107) 107.  
19 (41) The way it looks right now we're going to have to  
20 haul some water up in here with a squad or  
21 something. We've got a trailer and one of the  
22 compressors going up here.  
23 (107) You need a four-wheel drive back in there?  
24 (41) Yeah, you can get a four-wheel drive back in  
25 here.

1 (107) 107 to dispatcher.

2 (D) 107.

3 (107) Did you read 41's needing a four-wheel drive  
4 squad in there?

5 (D) Message received.

6 (201) 201 is on the scene.

7 (D) 201 on the scene.

8 (101) Car 101.

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10 0404:20

11 (107) 107 to Pumper 41.

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13 0404:26 Still Alarm

14 (D) Squad 42 with the four-wheel drive responding to  
15 just south of Blue River and 71 Highway to meet  
16 the companies.

17 (41) 41 to 107.

18 (107) Yeah, are you on the east side or the west side,  
19 Jim?

20 (41) East side.

21 (107) 10-4.

22 (41) 41 to 107.

23 (107) 107.

24 (41) Apparently this thing's already blowed up, Chief.

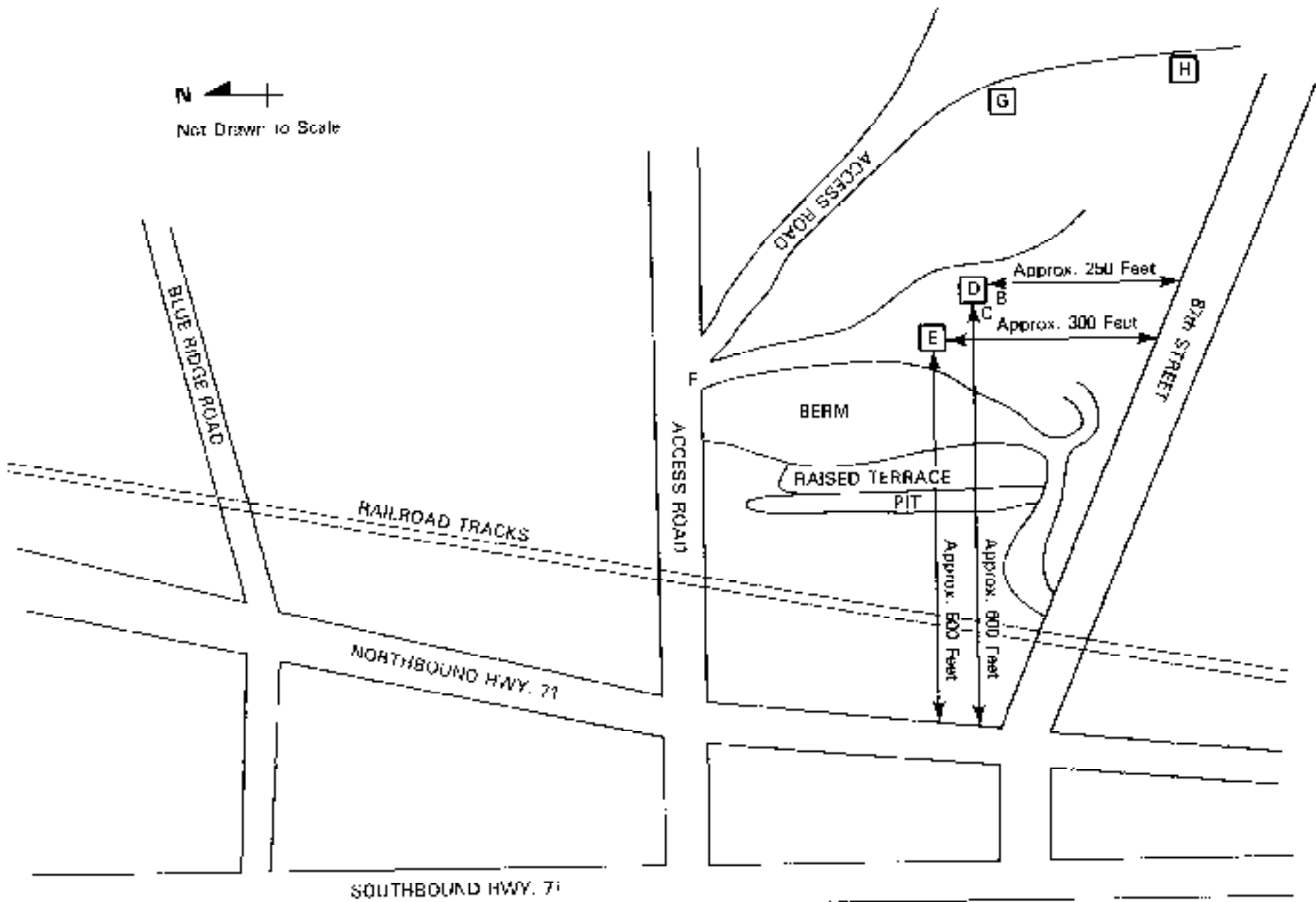
25 He's got magnesium or something burning up here.

1 (107) 10-4. Are you back up in there now or where are  
2 you at?  
3 (41) 10-4. Both companies are back up in here.  
4 (107) Can you get in off 71?  
5 (41) Right. It's a road they're using for  
6 construction here.  
7 (107) 10-4.  
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9 0406:23  
10 (107) 107 on the scene.  
11 (D) 107, 10-4.  
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13 0408:19  
14 (107) 107 to dispatcher.  
15 (D) 107.  
16 (104) 104.  
17 (107) ..explosion just as we pulled up in here. Get  
18 us all kinds of ambulances in here. Get us  
19 ambulances and at least a couple of three more  
20 companies.  
21 (D) 107, you're reporting an explosion? You need  
22 extra companies?  
23 (107) 10-4. We're going to need ambulances.  
24 (D) 10-4. Is that for firefighters?  
25 (1071) 10-4. We blew the windshield clear out of our  
car and we're a quarter of a mile away.

## **Appendix B**

Sketch of Construction Site Based on Diagram  
Prepared by the Kansas City Police Department  
Bomb and Arson Squad

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- A. First Vehicle Fire
- B. Second Vehicle Fire
- C. Compressor Fire
- D. First Trailer to Explode

- E. Second Trailer to Explode
- F. Battalion Chief's Vehicle
- G. High Explosive Magazine
- H. Low Explosive Magazine

**Appendix C**

Tables of Separation Distances  
for Blasting Agents

§55.218 Table of distances for storage of explosive materials.

Quantity of explosive		Distance in feet								
Keypile		Isolated buildings		Public highways, roads & etc.		Passenger railroads—public highways with traffic volume of more than 2,000 vehicles per day		Deposition of magazines		
over	and under	Barometric	Unbarometric	Barometric	Unbarometric	Barometric	Unbarometric	Barometric	Unbarometric	
1	1	20	40	31	40	31	100	5	11	
2	2	30	40	15	70	36	125	7	16	
10	30	100	220	43	90	31	150	10	20	
20	60	138	290	50	100	33	158	11	24	
30	90	150	310	55	110	35	168	12	27	
40	120	160	320	60	120	37	175	13	29	
50	150	170	340	63	130	38	182	13	31	
75	220	200	360	75	140	41	190	14	34	
100	300	220	400	80	150	43	200	14	36	
125	370	230	430	85	160	44	208	15	38	
150	450	235	450	85	160	45	210	15	39	
200	600	250	510	100	210	50	220	16	45	
300	900	270	580	110	230	53	230	17	51	
400	1200	280	600	110	230	53	235	17	53	
500	1500	290	620	110	230	53	240	17	55	
750	2200	310	660	120	250	56	250	18	60	
1000	3000	320	680	120	250	56	255	18	63	
1500	4500	340	720	130	270	59	265	19	69	
2000	6000	350	740	130	270	59	270	19	71	
2500	7500	360	760	130	270	59	275	19	73	
3000	9000	370	780	130	270	59	280	19	75	
4000	12000	380	800	130	270	59	285	19	77	
5000	15000	390	820	130	270	59	290	19	80	
7500	22000	400	840	130	270	59	295	19	83	
10000	30000	410	860	130	270	59	300	19	85	
15000	45000	420	880	130	270	59	305	19	88	
20000	60000	430	900	130	270	59	310	19	90	
25000	75000	440	920	130	270	59	315	19	93	
30000	90000	450	940	130	270	59	320	19	95	
40000	120000	460	960	130	270	59	325	19	98	
50000	150000	470	980	130	270	59	330	19	100	
75000	220000	480	1000	130	270	59	335	19	103	
100000	300000	490	1020	130	270	59	340	19	105	
150000	450000	500	1040	130	270	59	345	19	108	
200000	600000	510	1060	130	270	59	350	19	110	
250000	750000	520	1080	130	270	59	355	19	113	
300000	900000	530	1100	130	270	59	360	19	115	
400000	1200000	540	1120	130	270	59	365	19	118	
500000	1500000	550	1140	130	270	59	370	19	120	
750000	2200000	560	1160	130	270	59	375	19	123	
1000000	3000000	570	1180	130	270	59	380	19	125	
1500000	4500000	580	1200	130	270	59	385	19	128	
2000000	6000000	590	1220	130	270	59	390	19	130	
2500000	7500000	600	1240	130	270	59	395	19	133	
3000000	9000000	610	1260	130	270	59	400	19	135	
4000000	12000000	620	1280	130	270	59	405	19	138	
5000000	15000000	630	1300	130	270	59	410	19	140	
7500000	22000000	640	1320	130	270	59	415	19	143	
10000000	30000000	650	1340	130	270	59	420	19	145	
15000000	45000000	660	1360	130	270	59	425	19	148	
20000000	60000000	670	1380	130	270	59	430	19	150	
25000000	75000000	680	1400	130	270	59	435	19	153	
30000000	90000000	690	1420	130	270	59	440	19	155	
40000000	120000000	700	1440	130	270	59	445	19	158	
50000000	150000000	710	1460	130	270	59	450	19	160	
75000000	220000000	720	1480	130	270	59	455	19	163	
100000000	300000000	730	1500	130	270	59	460	19	165	

Table: American Table of Distances for Storage of Explosives (December 1910), as revised and approved by The Institute of Makers of Explosives - November 5, 1971

*Notes to the Table of Distances for Storage of Explosives*

(1) Terms found in the table of distances for 'storage of explosive materials are defined in §55.11.

(2) When two or more storage magazines are located on the same property, each magazine must comply with the minimum distances specified from inhabited buildings, railways, and highways, and, in addition, they should be separated from each other by not less than the distances shown for 'Separation of Magazines,' except that the quantity of explosives contained in cap magazines shall govern in regard to the spacing of said cap magazines from magazines containing other explosives. If any two or more magazines are separated from each other by less than the specified "Separation of Magazines" distances, then such two or more magazines, as a group, must be considered as one magazine, and the total quantity of explosives stored in such group must be treated as if stored in a single magazine located on the site of any magazine of the group, and must comply with the minimum of distances specified from other magazines, inhabited buildings, railways, and highways.

(3) All types of blasting caps in strengths through No. 8 cap should be rated at 1½ lbs. of explosives per 1,000 caps. For strengths higher than No. 8 cap, consult the manufacturer.

(4) For quantity and distance purposes, detonating cord of 50 or 60 grains per foot should be calculated as equivalent to 9 lbs. of high explosives per 1,000 feet. Heavier or lighter core loads should be rated proportionately.

**§55.219 Table of distances for storage of low explosives**

Quantity		From inhabited buildings (feet)	From public roads and highways (feet)	From other magazines (feet)
Gross	Net			
2	1,000	75	75	50
100	7,000	115	115	75
1,000	10,000	150	150	100
10,000	20,000	190	190	125
20,000	30,000	215	215	145
30,000	40,000	235	235	155

Quantity		From inhabited buildings (feet)	From public roads and highways (feet)	From other magazines (feet)
Gross	Net			
40,000	50,000	260	260	175
50,000	60,000	280	280	185
60,000	70,000	300	300	195
70,000	80,000	320	320	205
80,000	90,000	340	340	215
90,000	100,000	360	360	225
100,000	110,000	380	380	235
110,000	120,000	400	400	245

Table: Department of Defense Ammunition and Explosives Standards, Table 5 - 4.1 extract; 4145.27 M, March 1969.

**§55.220 Table of separation distances of ammonium nitrate and blasting agents from explosives or blasting agents. (1)(6)**

Donor weight (pounds)	Minimum separation distances of acceptor from donor (feet)		Minimum distance of acceptor from donor (feet)
	Ammunition storage	Blasting agent	
100	12	11	12
200	14	14	14
300	16	16	16
400	18	18	18
500	20	20	20
600	22	22	22
700	24	24	24
800	26	26	26
900	28	28	28
1,000	30	30	30
1,200	32	32	32
1,400	34	34	34
1,600	36	36	36
1,800	38	38	38
2,000	40	40	40
2,200	42	42	42
2,400	44	44	44
2,600	46	46	46
2,800	48	48	48
3,000	50	50	50
3,200	52	52	52
3,400	54	54	54
3,600	56	56	56
3,800	58	58	58
4,000	60	60	60
4,200	62	62	62
4,400	64	64	64
4,600	66	66	66
4,800	68	68	68
5,000	70	70	70
5,200	72	72	72
5,400	74	74	74
5,600	76	76	76
5,800	78	78	78
6,000	80	80	80
6,200	82	82	82
6,400	84	84	84
6,600	86	86	86
6,800	88	88	88
7,000	90	90	90
7,200	92	92	92
7,400	94	94	94
7,600	96	96	96
7,800	98	98	98
8,000	100	100	100
8,200	102	102	102
8,400	104	104	104
8,600	106	106	106
8,800	108	108	108
9,000	110	110	110
9,200	112	112	112
9,400	114	114	114
9,600	116	116	116
9,800	118	118	118
10,000	120	120	120
10,200	122	122	122
10,400	124	124	124
10,600	126	126	126
10,800	128	128	128
11,000	130	130	130
11,200	132	132	132
11,400	134	134	134
11,600	136	136	136
11,800	138	138	138
12,000	140	140	140
12,200	142	142	142
12,400	144	144	144
12,600	146	146	146
12,800	148	148	148
13,000	150	150	150
13,200	152	152	152
13,400	154	154	154
13,600	156	156	156
13,800	158	158	158
14,000	160	160	160
14,200	162	162	162
14,400	164	164	164
14,600	166	166	166
14,800	168	168	168
15,000	170	170	170
15,200	172	172	172
15,400	174	174	174
15,600	176	176	176
15,800	178	178	178
16,000	180	180	180
16,200	182	182	182
16,400	184	184	184
16,600	186	186	186
16,800	188	188	188
17,000	190	190	190
17,200	192	192	192
17,400	194	194	194
17,600	196	196	196
17,800	198	198	198
18,000	200	200	200
18,200	202	202	202
18,400	204	204	204
18,600	206	206	206
18,800	208	208	208
19,000	210	210	210
19,200	212	212	212
19,400	214	214	214
19,600	216	216	216
19,800	218	218	218
20,000	220	220	220

Table: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) official Standard No. 492, 1968.

*Notes of Table of Separation Distances of Ammonium Nitrate and Blasting Agents From Explosives or Blasting Agents*

(1) This table specifies separation distances to prevent explosion of ammonium nitrate and ammonium nitrate-based blasting agents by propagation from nearby stores of high explosives or blasting agents referred to in the table as the "donor" Ammonium nitrate, by itself, is not considered to be a donor when applying this table. Ammonium



nitrate, ammonium nitrate-fuel oil or combinations thereof are acceptors. If stores of ammonium nitrate are located within the sympathetic detonation distance of explosives or blasting agents, one-half the mass of the ammonium nitrate is to be included in the mass of the donor.

(2) When the ammonium nitrate and/or blasting agent is not the distances shown in the table must be multiplied by six. These distances allow for the possibility of high velocity metal fragments from mixers, hoppers, truck bodies, sheet metal structures, metal containers, and the like which may enclose the "donor." Where explosives storage is in bullet-resistant magazines or where the storage is protected by a bullet-resistant wall, distances and barricade thicknesses in excess of those prescribed in the table in §55.218 are not required.

(3) These distances apply to ammonium nitrate that passes the insensitivity test prescribed in the definition of ammonium nitrate fertilizer issued by

the Fertilizer Institute.' Ammonium nitrate failing to pass the test must be stored at separation distances in accordance with the table in §55.218.

(4) These distances apply to blasting agents which pass the insensitivity test prescribed in regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (49 CFR Part 173).

(5) Earth or sand dikes, or enclosures filled with the prescribed minimum thickness of earth or sand are acceptable artificial barricades. Natural barricades, such as hills or timber of sufficient density that the surrounding exposures which require protection cannot be seen from the "donor" when the trees are bare of leaves, are also acceptable.

(6) For determining the distances to be maintained from inhabited buildings, passenger railways, and public highways, use the table in §55.218.

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Definition and Test Procedures for Ammonium Nitrate Fertilizer, Fertilizer Institute 1015-18th St. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036.

ABOVE GROUND STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS

Table 6-4b

The American Table of Distance for Storage of Explosives  
(As Revised and Approved by the Institute of Makers of Explosives in May, 1983)

HAZARD OF EXPLOSIVES		DISTANCES IN FEET							
		Uninhabited Buildings		Public Highways Class. 1 to 5		Passenger Railways - Public Highways with Traffic Volume of 1000 More Than 1,000 Vehicles/Day		Substations at 60kV or over	
		Roofs Over	Roofs Not Over	Uninhabited	Uninhabited	Uninhabited	Uninhabited	Uninhabited	Uninhabited
7	5	10	40	30	50	51	102	6	12
5	10	20	70	35	70	64	128	8	16
10	20	40	110	45	100	87	167	10	20
20	40	80	170	60	150	93	186	11	22
40	80	160	260	85	210	103	206	12	24
60	120	240	380	110	280	110	220	14	28
80	160	320	540	140	380	127	254	15	30
100	200	400	740	170	500	139	278	16	32
125	250	500	1000	210	650	150	300	18	36
150	300	600	1400	260	850	158	316	19	38
200	400	800	2000	330	1100	169	338	21	42
250	500	1000	2800	410	1400	178	356	22	44
300	600	1200	3800	500	1800	186	372	23	46
400	800	1600	5400	630	2400	193	386	24	48
500	1000	2000	7400	800	3200	199	398	25	50
600	1200	2400	10000	1000	4200	204	408	26	52
700	1400	2800	13000	1250	5400	208	416	27	54
800	1600	3200	16000	1550	6800	211	422	27	54
900	1800	3600	20000	1900	8500	214	428	28	56
1000	2000	4000	25000	2300	10500	216	432	28	56
1200	2400	4800	34000	2900	14000	220	440	29	58
1400	2800	5600	45000	3600	18000	223	446	29	58
1600	3200	6400	58000	4400	23000	225	450	30	60
1800	3600	7200	74000	5300	29000	227	454	30	60
2000	4000	8000	92000	6400	36000	228	456	31	62
2200	4400	8800	112000	7600	44000	229	458	31	62
2400	4800	9600	134000	9000	53000	230	460	31	62
2600	5200	10400	158000	10500	63000	231	462	31	62
2800	5600	11200	184000	12200	75000	231	464	31	62
3000	6000	12000	212000	14000	88000	232	466	31	62
3200	6400	12800	242000	16000	103000	232	468	31	62
3400	6800	13600	274000	18000	119000	232	470	31	62
3600	7200	14400	308000	20000	137000	232	472	31	62
3800	7600	15200	344000	22000	156000	232	474	31	62
4000	8000	16000	382000	24000	176000	232	476	31	62
4200	8400	16800	422000	26000	197000	232	478	31	62
4400	8800	17600	464000	28000	219000	232	480	31	62
4600	9200	18400	508000	30000	243000	232	482	31	62
4800	9600	19200	554000	32000	268000	232	484	31	62
5000	10000	20000	602000	34000	294000	232	486	31	62
5200	10400	20800	652000	36000	321000	232	488	31	62
5400	10800	21600	704000	38000	350000	232	490	31	62
5600	11200	22400	758000	40000	380000	232	492	31	62
5800	11600	23200	814000	42000	412000	232	494	31	62
6000	12000	24000	872000	44000	446000	232	496	31	62
6200	12400	24800	932000	46000	482000	232	498	31	62
6400	12800	25600	994000	48000	520000	232	500	31	62
6600	13200	26400	1058000	50000	560000	232	502	31	62
6800	13600	27200	1124000	52000	602000	232	504	31	62
7000	14000	28000	1192000	54000	646000	232	506	31	62
7200	14400	28800	1262000	56000	692000	232	508	31	62
7400	14800	29600	1334000	58000	740000	232	510	31	62
7600	15200	30400	1408000	60000	790000	232	512	31	62
7800	15600	31200	1484000	62000	842000	232	514	31	62
8000	16000	32000	1562000	64000	896000	232	516	31	62
8200	16400	32800	1642000	66000	952000	232	518	31	62
8400	16800	33600	1724000	68000	1010000	232	520	31	62
8600	17200	34400	1808000	70000	1070000	232	522	31	62
8800	17600	35200	1894000	72000	1132000	232	524	31	62
9000	18000	36000	1982000	74000	1196000	232	526	31	62
9200	18400	36800	2072000	76000	1262000	232	528	31	62
9400	18800	37600	2164000	78000	1330000	232	530	31	62
9600	19200	38400	2258000	80000	1400000	232	532	31	62
9800	19600	39200	2354000	82000	1472000	232	534	31	62
10000	20000	40000	2452000	84000	1546000	232	536	31	62

For SI Units: 1 lb = 0.454 kg; 1 ft = 0.305 m.

## **Appendix D**

Excerpts from ATF Handbook  
on Explosives and Blasting Agents

information as indicated by the headings and instructions thereon:

Held, the item on Form 4710 requesting the identification of quantity, size and type of explosive materials including name of manufacturer and all manufacturer's marks of identification may be completed by identifying a commercial invoice. The identified commercial invoice must contain all the information required on the form and such invoice or a copy thereof must be attached to the Form 4710. Further, the requirement for identifying the quantity of explosive materials on Form 4710 may be met by recording the number and size of special fireworks articles.

#### C. Storage requirements

Under 27 CFR 55.205 of the regulations, explosive materials that are in the process of manufacture or are being physically handled in the operating process of a licensee or permittee do not have to be kept in storage facilities meeting the standards of regulations. The Bureau has determined that explosive materials that have been entered into the manufacturing process for special fireworks, as well as those contained in special fireworks that are partially assembled, should be considered explosive material in the process of manufacture. In addition, as special fireworks in a finished state flow through display packing buildings or areas, they should be considered explosive materials that are being physically handled in the operating process of a licensee or permittee.

Held, the following explosive materials, subject to the stated conditions, are not considered subject to the storage requirements of 27 CFR Part 55 while they are on the premises of a licensee or permittee pursuant to 27 CFR

1. Dry explosive powders and mixtures that have been entered into the manufacturing process for special fireworks articles;
2. Unfinished special fireworks articles; and
3. Individual special fireworks articles and packaged display segments that are received into designated packing buildings or areas for sorting, temporary storage, and packing into complete display units.

#### D. Preparation of the daily summary of magazine transactions

The regulations in 27 CFR 55.127 provide that at the close of business each day each licensee and permittee shall record by class of explosive materials, as prescribed in the explosives list, the total quantity received in and removed from each magazine during the day and the total remaining on hand at the end of the day.

Held, licensees and permittees may:

1. Maintain daily magazine summary records at any location on the business premises provided the records separately identify each magazine; and
2. Record the quantities of explosive materials received in and removed from the magazine during the day and the total remaining at the end of the day by showing, as applicable to the magazine contents:
  - (a) The number and size of individual special fireworks articles in a finished state; or
  - (b) The number of packaged display segments or packaged displays.

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## 27 CFR 55.41: General Explosives Storage Facility Descriptions

In ATF Procedure 75-4, which became effective November 1, 1975, the Bureau revised requirements for descriptions of explosives storage facilities that are tiled by applicants intending to store explosive materials. (This Procedure is incorporated in Industry circular 75-10.)

The Director, ATF, has determined that this additional descriptive information is required in order to insure compliance with the law and regulations. Accordingly, Form 4705, Application for License, and Form 4707, Application for Permit, have been revised. Following is the text of the Procedure, beginning with Section 3.

Sec. 3. Licenses. A person intending to engage in business as an importer, a manufacturer of, or a dealer in, explosive materials shall complete Form 4705, Application for License, in accordance with the instructions on the form, and forward the forms with the license fee to the office specified on the form. If approved, the Regional Regulatory Administrator (RRA) will issue a license and return a copy of the application to the applicant. At the time of renewal of a license the RRA may require the licensee to file a new or amended application; or additional descriptive pages to be attached to the application, upon a determination that the licensee's currently approved application is inaccurate or does not fully describe the storage facilities. If the application is denied, the applicant will be advised in writing of the reasons for the denial.

Sec. 4. Permits. A person intending to acquire, transport, ship, import or receive explosive materials in interstate or foreign commerce for his own use and not for resale shall complete Form 4707,

Application for Permit, in accordance with the instructions on the form and forward the forms with the permit fee to the office specified on the form. If approved, the RRA will issue a permit and return a copy of the application to the applicant. At the time of renewal of a permit the RRA may require the permittee to file a new or amended application, or additional descriptive pages to be attached to the application, upon a determination that the permittee's currently approved application is inaccurate or does not fully describe the storage facilities. If the application is denied, the applicant will be advised in writing of the reasons for the denial.

**Sec. 5. Storage.** .01 If explosive materials are to be stored, the requirements of 27 CFR Part 55, Subpart K - Storage, must be complied with before the application will be approved. An applicant for a license or permit who intends to store explosive materials, shall fully describe the intended storage facilities to support the applicant's affirmation that the storage facilities meet the requirements set forth in 27 CFR Part 55, Subpart K-Storage.

.02 The description should, as a minimum, include the following information:

- (a) The type of magazine (building, igloo, tunnel, portable box, portable trailer, etc.)
- (b) The location and distance from applicant's place of business.
- (c) The distance to the next nearest storage magazine.

(d) A description of significant terrain features and physical structures, such as buildings, roads, utilities and other facilities which could be damaged if the magazine exploded. Indicate the distance between the magazine and the feature.

(e) The materials (including dimensions and thicknesses) used for the structure (e.g. concrete, corrugated iron over wood, plywood, tin and earth, etc.)

(f) The security, physical safeguards, locks, safety equipment, and anti-theft measures.

(g) The dimensions and capacity of each magazine.

(h) The class of explosive materials to be stored in each magazine.

(i) The owner(s) of the magazine, if other than the applicant.

(j) The names and telephone numbers of individuals who could open the magazines for inspection by ATF officers.

(K) Any special conditions, such as inaccessibility in winter, etc.

**Sec. 6. Effective Date.** The effective date of this procedure is November 1, 1975.

**Sec. 7, Inquiries.** Inquiries regarding this ATF Procedure should refer to its number and be addressed to the office of your RRA.

ATF Procedure 75-4, 75 C.B. 79

(b) In order to secure the right of succession, the person or persons continuing the business or operations shall submit the license or permit and all copies furnished with the license or permit for endorsement of the succession to the regional regulatory administrator for the region in which the business or operations are conducted, within 30 days from the date on which the successor begins to carry on the business or operations.

#### **§55.60 Certain continuances of business or operations.**

A licensee or permittee who furnishes his license or permit to the regional regulatory administrator for correction, amendment, or endorsement, as provided in this subpart, may continue his business or operations while awaiting its return.

#### **§55.61 Discontinuance of business or operations.**

Where an explosive materials business or operations is either discontinued or succeeded by a new owner, the owner of the business or operations discontinued or succeeded shall, within 30 days, furnish notification of the discontinuance or succession and submit his license or permit and any copies furnished with the license or permit to the regional regulatory administrator for the region in which his business or operations was located. (See also §55.128.)

#### **§55.62 State or other law.**

A license or permit issued under this part confers no right or privilege to conduct, business or operations, including storage, contrary to State or other law. The holder of a license or permit issued under this part is not, by reason of the rights and privileges granted by that license or permit, immune from punishment for conducting an explosive materials business or operations in violation of the provisions of any State or other law. Similarly, compliance with the provisions of any State or other law affords no immunity under Federal law or regulations.

#### **§55.63 Explosives magazine changes.**

(a) General.

(1) The requirements of this section are applicable to magazines used for other than temporary (under 24 hours) storage of explosives.

(2) A magazine is considered suitable for the storage of explosives if the construction require-

ments of this part are met during the time explosives are stored in the magazine.

(3) A magazine is considered suitable for the storage of explosives if positioned in accordance with the applicable table of distances as specified in this part during the time explosives are stored in the magazine.

(4) For the purposes of this section, notification of the regional regulatory administrator may be by telephone or in writing. However, if notification of the regional regulatory administrator is in writing it must be at least three business days in advance of making changes in construction to an existing magazine or constructing a new magazine, and at least five business days in advance of using any reconstructed magazine or added magazine for the storage of explosives.

(b) Exception. Mobile or portable type 5 magazines are exempt from the requirements of paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section, but must otherwise be in compliance with paragraphs (a) (2) and (3) of this section during the time explosives are stored in such magazines.

(c) *Changes in magazine construction.* A licensee or permittee who intends to make changes in construction of an existing magazine shall notify the regional regulatory administrator describing the proposed changes prior to making any changes. Unless otherwise advised by the regional regulatory administrator, changes in construction may commence after explosives are removed from the magazine. Explosives may not be stored in a reconstructed magazine before the regional regulatory administrator has been notified in accordance with paragraph (a)(4) of this section that the changes have been completed.

(d) *Additional magazines.* A licensee or permittee who intends to construct or acquire additional magazines shall notify the regional regulatory administrator in accordance with paragraph (a)(4) of this section describing the additional magazines and the class and quantity of explosives to be stored in the magazine. Unless otherwise advised by the regional regulatory administrator, additional magazines may be constructed, or acquired magazines may be used for the storage of explosives. Explosives must not be stored in a magazine under construction. The regional regulatory administrator must be notified that construction has been completed.

(h) It shall be unlawful for any person to receive, conceal, transport, ship, store, barter, sell, or dispose of any explosive materials knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that such explosive materials were stolen.

(i) It shall be unlawful for any person —

(1) who is under indictment for, or who has been convicted in any court of, a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year;

(2) who is a fugitive from justice;

(3) who is an unlawful user of or addicted to marihuana (as defined in Section 4761 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954) or any depressant or stimulant drug (as defined in section 201(v) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act) or narcotic drug (as defined in section 4731(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954); or

(4) who has been adjudicated as a mental defective or who has been committed to a mental institution; to ship or transport any explosive in interstate or foreign commerce or to receive any explosive which has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce.

(J) It shall be unlawful for any person to store any explosive material in a manner not in conformity with regulations promulgated by the Secretary. In promulgating such regulations, the Secretary shall take into consideration the class, type, and quantity of explosive materials to be stored, as well as the standards of safety and security recognized in the explosives industry.

(k) It shall be unlawful for any person who has knowledge of the theft or loss of any explosive materials from his stock, to fail to report such theft or loss within twenty-four hours of discovery thereof, to the Secretary and to appropriate local authorities.

### Section 843. Licenses and user permits

(a) An application for a user permit or a license to import, manufacture, or deal in explosive materials shall be in such form and contain such information as the Secretary shall by regulation prescribe. Each applicant for a license or permit shall pay a fee to be charged as set by the Secretary, said fee not to exceed \$200 for each license or permit. Each license or permit shall be valid for no longer than three years from date of issuance and shall be renewable upon the same conditions and subject to the same restrictions as the original license or permit and upon payment of a renewal fee not to exceed one-half of the original fee.

(b) Upon the filing of a proper application and payment of the prescribed fee, and subject to the

provisions of this chapter and other applicable laws, the Secretary shall issue to such applicant the appropriate license or permit if —

(1) the applicant (including in the case of a corporation, partnership, or association, any individual possessing, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of the corporation, partnership, or association) is not a person to whom the distribution of explosive materials would be unlawful under section 842(d) of this chapter;

(2) the applicant has not willfully violated any of the provisions of this chapter or regulations issued hereunder;

(3) the applicant has in a State premises from which he conducts or intends to conduct business;

(4) the applicant has a place of storage for explosive materials which meets such standards of public safety and security against theft as the Secretary by regulations shall prescribe; and

(5) the applicant has demonstrated in writing that he is familiar with all published State laws and local ordinances relating to explosive materials for the location in which he intends to do business-

(c) The Secretary shall approve or deny an application within a period of forty-five days beginning on the date such application is received by the Secretary.

(d) The Secretary may revoke any license or permit issued under this section if in the opinion of the Secretary the holder thereof has violated any provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation prescribed by the Secretary under this chapter, or has become ineligible to acquire explosive materials under section 842(d). The Secretary's action under this subsection may be reviewed only as provided in subsection (e)(2) of this section.

(e)(1) Any person whose application is denied or whose license or permit is revoked shall receive a written notice from the Secretary stating the specific grounds upon which such denial or revocation is based. Any notice of a revocation of a license or permit shall be given to the holder of such license or permit prior to or concurrently with the effective date of the revocation.

(2) If the Secretary denies an application for, or revokes a license, or permit, he shall, upon request by the aggrieved party, promptly hold a hearing to review his denial or revocation. In the case of a revocation, the Secretary may upon a request of the holder stay the effective date of the revocation. A hearing under this section shall be at a location convenient to the aggrieved party.

The Secretary shall give written notice of his decision to the aggrieved party within a reasonable time after the hearing. The aggrieved party may, within sixty days after receipt of the Secretary's written decision, file a petition with the United States court of appeals for the district in which he resides or has his principal place of business for a judicial review of such denial or revocation, pursuant to sections 701 - 706 of title 5, United States Code.

(f) Licensees and permittees shall make available for inspection at all reasonable times their records kept pursuant to this chapter or the regulations issued hereunder, and shall submit to the Secretary such reports and information with respect to such records and the contents thereof as he shall by regulations prescribe. The Secretary may enter during business hours the premises (including places of storage) of any licensee or permittee, for the purpose of inspecting or examining (1) any records or documents required to be kept by such licensee or permittee, under the provisions of this chapter or regulations issued hereunder, and (2) any explosive materials kept or stored by such licensee or permittee at such premises. Upon the request of any State or any political subdivision thereof, the Secretary may make available to such State or any political subdivision thereof, any information which he may obtain by reason of the provisions of this chapter with respect to the identification of persons within such State or political subdivision thereof, who have purchased or received explosive materials, together with a description of such explosive materials.

(g) Licenses and permits issued under the provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall be kept posted and kept available for inspection on the premises covered by the license and permit.

#### ~~Section 844. Penalties~~

~~(a) Any person who violates subsections (g) through (j) of section 842 of this chapter shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both.~~

~~(b) Any person who violates any other provision of section 842 of this chapter shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.~~

~~(c) Any explosive materials involved or used or intended to be used in any violation of the provisions of this chapter or any other rule or regulation promulgated thereunder or any violation of any criminal law of the United States shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture, and all provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 relating to the~~

~~seizure, forfeiture, and disposition of firearms, as defined in section 5845(a) of that Code, shall, so far as applicable, extend to seizures and forfeitures under the provisions of this chapter.~~

~~(d) Whoever transports or receives, or attempts to transport or receive, in interstate or foreign commerce any explosive with the knowledge or intent that it will be used to kill, injure, or intimidate any individual or unlawfully to damage or destroy any building, vehicle, or other real or personal property, shall be imprisoned for not more than ten years, or fined not more than \$10,000, or both; and if personal injury results shall be imprisoned for not more than twenty years or fined not more than \$20,000, or both; and if death results, shall be subject to imprisonment for any term of years, or to the death penalty or to life imprisonment as provided in section 34 of this title.~~

~~(e) Whoever, through the use of the mail, telephone, telegraph, or other instrument of commerce, willfully makes any threat, or maliciously conveys false information knowing the same to be false, concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made, or to be made, to kill, injure, or intimidate any individual or unlawfully to damage or destroy any building, vehicle, or other real or personal property by means of an explosive shall be imprisoned for not more than five years or fined not more than \$5,000, or both.~~

~~(f) Whoever maliciously damages or destroys, or attempts to damage or destroy, by means of an explosive, any building, vehicle, or other personal or real property in whole or in part owned, possessed, or used by, or leased to, the United States, any department or agency thereof, or any institution or organization receiving Federal financial assistance shall be imprisoned for not more than ten years, or fined not more than \$10,000, or both; and if personal injury results shall be imprisoned for not more than twenty years, or fined not more than \$20,000, or both; and if death results shall be subject to imprisonment for any term of years, or to the death penalty or to life imprisonment as provided in section 34 of this title.~~

~~(g) Whoever possesses an explosive in any building in whole or in part owned, possessed, or used by, or leased to, the United States or any department or agency thereof, except with the written consent of the agency, department, or other person responsible for the management of such building, shall be imprisoned for not more than one year, or fined not more than \$1,000, or both.~~

~~(h) Whoever —~~



## **Appendix E**

Kansas City Code for Fire Prevention and Protection  
Regarding Requirements for Blasting Permits  
at Time of Explosion

Kansas City Uniform Fire Code for Explosives  
and Blasting Agents and Hazardous Material

Permit used by City of Kansas City  
at Time of Explosion

**Sec. 14.29. Penalty.**

Any person violating the provisions of this article shall upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each and every offense. (C. S. No. 31761, S. 20.970, 5-13-66)

**Sec. 14.30. Throwing of firecrackers or other fireworks.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to throw or otherwise deposit, or attempt to throw or otherwise deposit, any firecracker, squib, "cherry" bomb, grenade, torpedo or other combustible fireworks whatsoever into, at or upon any motor vehicle, or at any person or group of persons, or so near any such person or group of persons as to endanger same.

(b) Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or sentenced to the municipal farm for not less than sixty days or for more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment. (C. S. No. 32920, S. A, 1-27-67)

**Secs. 14.31, 14.32. Reserved.****ARTICLE III. BLASTING\*****Sec. 14.33. Permit-Required.**

No person shall do or cause to be done any blasting within the city limits, or outside of such limits but on property owned or operated by the city, without first obtaining a permit therefor from the city engineer, subject to all the provisions of this article. (R.0.1956, S. 10.010; Ord. No. 37424, 10-24-69)

Amendment note-This section was formerly S. 14.38. Ord. No. 37424 repealed former sections 14.33 through 14.37, relating to blasters' examining board and licenses, reenacted other sections, and enacted new S. 14.42.

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\*Charter reference-power to regulate or prohibit storage and sale of explosives, S. 1(25).

**Sec. 14.34. Same-Application.**

All applications for permits for blasting or use of explosives shall be signed by the person or his duly authorized agent who desires to do the blasting described in the application and shall contain such other information regarding the proposed blasting as may be required by the city engineer. (R. 0. 1956, S. 10.010; Ord. No. 37424, 10-34-69)

**Amendment note--** This section was formerly S. 14.39.

**Cross reference--** Leaving explosives or other lethal devices in city, S. 26.15; storage of materials which may create explosion hazard in sewage works. S.29.55.

**Sec. 14.35. Same-Issurance.**

Whenever the city engineer shall find, from an examination of the application for blasting permit and such other information as he may deem necessary and proper to find or require, that such blasting can be done with safety to life and property, then he shall issue the permit as in this article provided. (R.0.1956, Secs. 10.010, 10.020; Ord. No. 37424, 10-24-69)

**Amendment note--** This section was formerly S. 14.40(a); former 14.40(b) repealed by Ord. No. 37424.

**Sec. 14.36. Same-Contents; duration.**

Permits granted under this article shall specify the blasting to be permitted, the time such permit shall be valid and such other conditions and requirements as the city engineer may deem safe and proper, provided that such period of validity shall not extend beyond the calendar year in which the permit is issued. (R.0.1956, S. 10.030; Ord. No. 37424, 10-24-69)

**Amendment note--** This section was formerly S. 14.41.

**Sec. 14.37. Bond prerequisite to permit.**

Before any permit referred to in this article shall have been issued for blasting, the applicant for such permit shall have executed a bond to the city conditioned that he will save the city harmless from and indemnify it from any loss or damage occurring by reason of such blasting. Such bond shall be in the sum of not less than the thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) and not more than one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00), Supp. No. 19, 3-31-73

with the specified amount being fixed by the city engineer, based upon the hazards involved, so that the amount of the bond will be a substantial and reasonable protection for the liability which might occur against the city. Said bond shall be in a form approved by the city counselor and shall be issued by a corporate surety company, approved by the director of finance. (R.O.1956, S. 10.080;Ord. No. 37434, 10-24-69:C.S. Ord. 4 1079, 1-23-73)

**Amendment note--** This section was formerly S. 14.42. C.S. Ord. 41079 increased the bond from not less than \$1,000 nor more than 550,000 to present limits.

#### **Sec. 14.38. Inspection of blasting.**

At the time of granting a permit for blasting, the city engineer shall endorse upon it whether or not the blasting shall be done subject to the inspection of the city engineer. If the blasting is to be done subject to such inspection, the city engineer shall, within a reasonable time, inform the grantee of a permit of the requirements of such inspection, and such grantee shall not perform or cause to be performed any blasting under the permit, contrary to such inspection requirements. (R.O. 1956, S. 10.090; Ord. No. 37424, 10-24-69; C.S. 41079, 1-23-73)

**Amendment note--** This section was formerly S. 14.43. C. S. Ord. 11079 changed duty of supervision to that of inspection.

#### **Sec. 14.39. Rate to inspect blasting.**

The city engineer shall charge the grantee of a blasting permit the actual cost involved for inspection of blasting. Additionally, the city engineer shall charge the grantee for the actual cost of any seismographic tests or readings involved in the performance of such blasting as he may require. Before the issuance of a permit for blasting, involving city inspection, the grantee shall deposit with the city engineer an inspection fee deposit of not less than eighty dollars \$80.00, per working day, for the duration of the project, as described in the grantee's application. In the event that the grantee has applied for an annual permit, the grantee shall keep on deposit with the city engineer an amount equal to sixty (60) calendar days anticipated inspection costs, which amount shall be periodically renewed by the grantee. At the completion of the blasting

operations, the city engineer, after paying for all inspections and associated costs, shall return any unused portion of the inspection deposit fee to the grantee. (R.O. S. 10.100, amend. by Ord. No. 19975, 2-24-56; Ord. No. 37424, 10-24-69; C.S. Ord. 4 1079, 1-23-73)

**Amendment note--** This section was formerly S. 14.44. and set the rate at \$2.50 per hour. Prior to C. S. for Ord. 41079, rate for supervision of blasting was \$5.00 per hour.

#### **Sec. 14.40. Inventories; disposition of explosives when permit expires.**

Each applicant for a permit for blasting shall maintain a daily inventory in detail of all explosives in his possession for blasting purposes, from the date of the application to the final termination of the permit. Such inventory and stocks of explosives included therein shall be subject to inspection and examination at any reasonable time by the office of the city engineer. On the final termination of the permit, all stocks of explosives remaining unused by the permittee shall be shown or reported to the city engineer, as he may direct, and such disposition made thereof as shall be approved or directed by the city engineer. (R.O.1956, S.10.110, Ord. No. 37424, 10-24-69)

**Amendment note --**This section was formerly S. 14.45.

#### **Sec. 14.41. Rules and regulations of city engineer.**

The city engineer is hereby authorized to make and publish, from time to time, rules and regulations in conformity with and for carrying out the provisions of this article respecting the conditions for issuing blasting permits, including the acquisition, daily recording, storage, transportation, disposition of explosives and the method and manner of blasting. In making such rules and regulations the city engineer shall be guided by the recommendations of the United Association of Fire Underwriters. (R.O.1956, S.10.120; Ord. No. 37424, 10-24-69)

**Amendment note --**This section was formerly S.14.46. which included reference to blasters' examining board and licenses.

**Sec. 14.42. Permit revoked.**

If, in the opinion of the city engineer, any of the rules and regulations hereby authorized are violated in any manner, the blasting permit may be revoked. (Ord. No. 37434. 10-24-69)

**Amendment note** --This section is new in Ordinance No. 37424.

**Appendix E (cont'd)**

Kansas City Uniform Fire Code for Explosives  
and Blasting Agents and Hazardous Material

# ARTICLE 77

## EXPLOSIVES AND BLASTING AGENTS

### Division I

### GENERAL

#### Scope

**Sec. 77.101.** This article shall apply to the manufacture, possession, storage, sale, transportation and use of explosives and blasting agents.

#### Exceptions

**Sec. 77.102.** (a) Nothing in this article shall be construed as applying to:

1. The armed forces of the United States or the state militia.
2. Explosives in forms prescribed by the official United States Pharmacopoeia.
3. The sale, possession or use of fireworks.
4. The possession, transportation and use of small arms ammunition.
5. The possession, storage, transportation and use of not more than one pound of black sporting powder, 20 pounds of smokeless powder and 2000 small arms primers for hand loading of small arms ammunition for personal use.
6. The transportation and use of explosives or blasting agents by the United States Bureau of Mines, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Secret Service or Police and Fire Departments acting in their official capacities.
7. Special industrial explosive devices which in the aggregate contain less than 50 pounds of explosives.

#### Definitions

**Sec. 77.103.** For definitions of BLASTING AGENT, BULLET RESISTANT, INHABITED BUILDING, EXPLOSIVES, GUNPOWDER, SPECIAL INDUSTRIAL EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, SPECIAL INDUSTRIAL HIGH-EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL and TEST BLASTING CAP NO. 8, see Article 9.

#### Permits

**Sec. 77.104.** (a) Permits shall be obtained:

1. To manufacture, possess, store, sell or otherwise dispose of explosives or blasting agents.
2. To transport explosives or blasting agents.
3. To, use explosives or blasting agents.
4. To operate a terminal for handling explosives or blasting agents.
5. To deliver to or receive explosives or blasting agents from a carrier at a terminal between the hours of sunset and sunrise.



6. To transport blasting caps or electric blasting caps on the same vehicle with explosives.
- (b) Permits required by Section 77,104 (a) of this article shall not be issued for:
  1. Liquid nitroglycerin.
  2. Dynamite (except gelatin dynamite) containing over 60 percent of liquid explosive ingredient,
  3. Dynamite having an unsatisfactory absorbent or one that permits leakage of a liquid explosive ingredient under any conditions liable to exist during storage.
  4. Nitrocellulose in a dry and uncompressed condition in quantity greater than 10 pounds net weight in one package.
  5. Fulminate of mercury in a dry condition and fulminate of all other metals in any condition except as a component of manufactured articles not hereinafter forbidden.
  6. Explosive compositions that ignite spontaneously or undergo marked decomposition, rendering the products or their use more hazardous, when subjected for 48 consecutive hours or less to a temperature of 167°F.
  7. New explosives until approved by the U . S . Department of Transportation, except that permits may be issued to educational, governmental or industrial laboratories for instruction or research purposes.
  8. Explosives condemned by the U.S. Department of Transportation.
  9. Explosives not packed or marked in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation.
  10. Explosives containing an ammonium salt and a chlorate.
- (c) No person shall keep or store, nor shall any permit be issued to keep or store, any explosives at any place of habitation or within 100 feet thereof.
- (d) No person possessing a permit for storage of explosives at any place shall keep or store any greater amount or other kind of explosives than are authorized in such permit.
- (e) The chief may require that any operations permitted under the provisions of Section 77.104 (a) 2 or 3 shall be supervised at any or all times by employees of the fire department designated by the chief to see that all safety and fire regulations are observed. Where, in the opinion of the chief, no undue hazard to life or property exists, the required supervision may be waived.

### **Bond Required**

**Sec. 77.105.** Before a permit is issued, as required by Subsection (a) 3, of Section 77.104, the applicant shall file with the jurisdiction a corporate surety bond in the principal sum of \$100,000 or a public liability insurance policy for the same amount for the purpose of the payment of all damages to persons or property which arise from, or are caused by, the conduct of any act authorized by the permit upon which any legal judgment results. The chief may specify a greater or lesser amount when, in his opinion, conditions at the location of use indicate a greater or

lesser amount is required. Public agencies shall be exempt from this bond requirement.

### **General Requirements**

**Sec. 77.106.** (a) The manufacture of explosives shall be prohibited unless such manufacture is authorized by the chief.

(b) The storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited within the limits established by law as the limits of the district in which such storage is to be prohibited, except for temporary storage for use in connection with approved blasting operations, provided, however, this prohibition shall not apply to whole-sale and retail stocks of small arms ammunition, explosive bolts, explosive rivets or cartridges for explosive-actuated power tools in quantities involving less than 500 pounds of explosive material.

(c) The chief may limit the quantity of explosives or blasting agents to be permitted at any location.

(d) No person shall possess , offer for sale, sell or display explosives or blasting agents at any location not authorized by permit issued by the chief.

## **Division II**

### **STORAGE**

#### **Storage of Explosives**

**Sec. 77.201.** (a) Explosives, including special industrial high-explosive materials, shall be stored in magazines which meet the requirements of this article.

(b) Magazines shall be at all times in the custody of a competent person who shall be at least 21 years of age and who shall be held responsible for compliance with all safety precautions.

(c) Smoking, matches, open flames, spark-producing devices and firearms shall be prohibited inside or within 50 feet of magazines. Combustible materials shall not be stored within 50 feet of magazines.

(d) The land surrounding magazines shall be kept clear of brush, dried grass, leaves, trash and debris for a distance of at least 50 feet.

(e) Magazines shall be kept locked except when being inspected or when explosives are being placed therein or being removed therefrom.

(f) Magazines shall be kept clean, dry and free of grit, paper, empty packages and rubbish.

(g) Magazines shall not be provided with other than approved artificial heat or light. Approved electric safety flashlights or safety lanterns may be used.

(h) Blasting caps, electric blasting caps, detonating primers, primed cartridges or any item such as a squib or electric match, the function of which is to ignite or detonate propellants, fireworks or explosives, shall not be stored in the same magazine with other explosives.

(i) Magazines shall be of two types, namely, Class I and Class II.

(j) Storage of explosives in quantities exceeding 100 pounds shall be in a Class I magazine, except that a Class II magazine may be used for temporary storage of a larger quantity of explosives at the site of blasting operations where such amount constitutes not more than one day's supply for use in current operations. At the end of the day's operations any remaining explosives shall be safely destroyed or returned to a Class I magazine.

(k) Storage of explosives in quantities of 100 pounds or less shall be in Class I or Class II magazines, except that explosives in any quantity when stored in remote locations shall be in Class I, bullet-resistant magazines.

(l) Class I and Class II magazines shall be located away from inhabited buildings, passenger railways, public highways and other magazines in conformity with the provisions of the American Table of Distances for Storage of Explosives, Table No. 77.201, except as provided in Subsection 77.201 (m).

(m) At the site of blasting operations, a distance of not less than 100 feet shall be maintained between Class I magazines and the blast area.

Class II magazines shall be kept not less than 150 feet from the blast area when the quantity of explosives temporarily kept therein is in excess of 25 pounds and not less than 50 feet when the quantity of explosives is 25 pounds or less.

(n) Packages of explosives shall not be unpacked or repacked in a magazine nor within 50 feet of a magazine or in close proximity to other explosives. Opened packages of explosives shall be securely closed before being returned to a magazine.

(o) Magazines shall not be used for the storage of any metal tools nor any commodity except explosives, blasting agents and oxidizers used in compounding blasting agents. The quantity of blasting agents and oxidizers shall be included when computing the total quantity of explosives for determining distance requirements.

(p) When an explosive has deteriorated to an extent that it is in an unstable or dangerous condition, or if nitroglycerin leaks from any explosive, then the person in possession of such explosive shall immediately report the fact to the chief and, upon his authorization, shall proceed to destroy such explosives and clean floors, stained with nitroglycerin in accordance with the instructions of the manufacturer. Only experienced persons shall do the work of destroying explosives.

TABLE NO. 77.201-AMERICAN TABLE OF DISTANCES FOR STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES AND MINIMUM SEPARATION OF AMMONIUM NITRATE AND BLASTING AGENTS FROM EXPLOSIVES AND BLASTING AGENTS

EXPLOSIVES		DISTANCE IN FEET WHEN STORAGE IS BARRICADED			
Pounds Over	Pounds Not Over	From Inhabited Buildings	From Public Highways Classes A to D	From Passenger Railways—Public Highways with Traffic Volume of More than 3,000 Vehicles/Day	Separation of Magazines
				Barricaded	
2	5	70	30	51	6
5	10	90	35	64	8
10	20	110	45	81	10
20	30	125	50	93	11
30	40	140	55	103	12
40	50	150	60	110	14
50	75	170	70	127	15
75	100	190	75	139	16
100	125	200	80	150	18
125	150	215	85	159	19
150	200	235	95	175	21
200	250	255	105	189	23
250	300	270	110	201	24
300	400	295	120	221	27
400	500	320	130	238	29
500	600	340	135	253	31
600	700	355	145	266	32
700	800	375	150	278	33
800	900	390	155	289	35
900	1,000	400	160	300	36
1,000	1,200	425	165	318	39
1,200	1,400	450	170	336	41
1,400	1,600	470	175	351	43
1,600	1,800	490	180	366	44
1,800	2,000	505	185	378	45
2,000	2,500	545	190	408	49
2,500	3,000	580	195	432	52
3,000	4,000	635	210	474	58
4,000	5,000	685	225	513	61
5,000	6,000	730	235	546	65
6,000	7,000	770	245	573	68
7,000	8,000	800	250	600	72
8,000	9,000	835	255	624	75
9,000	10,000	865	260	645	78
10,000	12,000	875	270	687	82

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TABLE NO. 77.201-AMERICAN TABLE OF DISTANCES FOR STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES AND MINIMUM SEPARATION OF AMMONIUM NITRATE AND BLASTING AGENTS FROM EXPLOSIVES AND BLASTING AGENTS  
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EXPLOSIVES		DISTANCE IN FEET WHEN STORAGE IS BARRICADED			
Pounds Over	Pounds Not Over	From Inhabited Buildings	From Public Highways Classes A to D	From Passenger Railways--Public Highways with Traffic Volume of More than 3,000 Vehicles/Day	Separation of Magazines
				Barricaded	
12,000	14,000	855	275	723	87
14,000	16,000	900	280	756	90
16,000	18,000	940	285	786	94
18,000	20,000	975	290	813	98
20,000	25,000	1,055	315	876	105
25,000	30,000	1,130	340	933	112
30,000	35,000	1,205	360	981	119
35,000	40,000	1,275	380	1,026	124
40,000	45,000	1,340	400	1,068	129
45,000	50,000	1,400	420	1,104	135
50,000	55,000	1,460	440	1,140	140
55,000	60,000	1,515	455	1,173	145
60,000	65,000	1,565	470	1,206	150
65,000	70,000	1,610	485	1,236	155
70,000	75,000	1,655	500	1,263	160
75,000	80,000	1,695	510	1,293	165
80,000	85,000	1,730	520	1,317	170
85,000	90,000	1,760	530	1,344	175
90,000	95,000	1,790	540	1,368	180
95,000	100,000	1,815	545	1,392	185
100,000	110,000	1,835	550	1,437	195
110,000	120,000	1,855	555	1,479	205
120,000	130,000	1,875	560	1,521	215
130,000	140,000	1,890	565	1,557	225
140,000	150,000	1,900	570	1,593	235
150,000	160,000	1,935	580	1,629	245
160,000	170,000	1,965	590	1,662	255
170,000	180,000	1,990	600	1,695	265
180,000	190,000	2,010	605	1,725	275
190,000	200,000	2,030	610	1,755	285
200,000	210,000	2,055	620	1,782	295
210,000	230,000	2,100	635	1,836	315
230,000	250,000	2,155	650	1,890	335
250,000	275,000	2,215	670	1,950	360
275,000	300,000	2,275	690	2,000	385

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given for separation of magazines in Table No. 77.201. The minimum separation between stores of explosives or blasting agents from barricaded stores of blasting agents shall be not less than 60 percent of the distance given for separation of magazines in Table No. 77.201. The distance determined from the above shall be multiplied by six if barricades are not provided.

For the purpose of this note, the weight of the larger mass shall be used to determine the required separation; however, the weight of ammonium nitrate may be reduced by 50 percent. The required separation between inhabited buildings, public highways and railroads shall be not less than set forth in Table No. 77.201 using the sum of all explosives and blasting agents that are at a distance less than set forth in the table. The distance shall be measured from closest edge of the explosive material. Class A explosives as defined by the Department of Transportation shall be within Class I magazines. For the purposes of this note, artificial barricades of sand or dirt shall have a thickness not less than the following:

Weight of Explosive or Blasting Agent		Barricade Thickness (Inches)
Pounds Over	Pounds Not Over	
	2,000	12
2,000	6,000	15
6,000	12,000	20
12,000	25,000	25
25,000	40,000	30
40,000	60,000	35
60,000	100,000	40
100,000	200,000	50
200,000	300,000	60

## Gunpowder

**Sec. 77.202.** (a) The chief may authorize the storage of smokeless powder not to exceed 100 pounds, black sporting powder not to exceed 5 pounds, and small arms primers not to exceed 20,000 in approved establishments. Smokeless powder exceeding 20 pounds shall be stored in an approved Class II magazine. Black sporting powder, when authorized, shall be stored in an approved Class II magazine. Small arms primers shall be stored in a manner prescribed by the chief.

(b) The display of smokeless powder shall be only in original containers and shall not exceed 20 pounds.

(c) Small arms primers shall not be stored or displayed with smokeless powder or other explosives.

(d) Smokeless powder shall not be repackaged except in original-type containers, and repackaging shall be permitted only in locations designated and approved by the chief.

(e) The repackaging of black sporting powder shall not be permitted.

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## NOTES:

1. For exceptions, see Section 77.201 (n).
2. “Natural barricade” means natural features of the ground, such as hills, or timber of sufficient density that the surrounding exposures which require protection cannot be seen from the magazine when the trees are bare of leaves.
3. “Artificial barricade” means an artificial mound or revetted wall of earth of a minimum thickness of 3 feet, except as set forth in Note 13.
4. “Barricaded” means that a building containing explosives is effectually screened from a magazine, building, railway or highway, either by a natural barricade or by an artificial barricade of such height that a straight line from the top of any sidewall of the building containing explosives to the eave line of any magazine or building, or to a point 12 feet above the center of a railway or highway will pass through such intervening natural or artificial barricade.
5. “Inhabited building” means a building regularly occupied in whole or in part as a habitation for human beings, or any church, schoolhouse, railroad station, store or other structure where people are accustomed to assemble, except any building or structure occupied in connection with the manufacture, transportation, storage or use of explosives.
6. “Railway” means any steam, electric or other railroad or railway which carries passengers for hire.
7. “Highway” means any street or public road. “Public highways, Classes A to D,” are highways with average traffic volume of 3000 or less vehicles per day.
8. When two or more storage magazines are located on the same property, each magazine must comply with the minimum distances specified from inhabited buildings, railways and highways and, in addition, they shall be separated from each other by not less than the distances shown for “separation of magazines,” except that the quantity of explosives contained in cap magazines shall govern in regard to the spacing of said cap magazines from magazines containing other explosives.

**EXCEPTION:** Two or more magazines may be separated from each other by less than the specified “separation of magazines” distances when such two or more magazines, as a group, are considered as one magazine and the total quantity of explosives stored in such group shall be treated as if stored in a single magazine located on the site of any magazine of the group and shall comply with the minimum of distances specified from other magazines, inhabited buildings, railways or highways.

9. This table applies only to the manufacture and permanent storage of commercial explosives. It is not applicable to transportation of explosives or any handling or temporary storage necessary or incident thereto. It is not intended to apply to bombs, projectiles or other heavily encased explosives.
10. All types of blasting caps in strengths through No. 8 cap shall be rated at 1½pound explosives per 1000 caps. For strengths higher than No. 8 cap, the manufacturer shall be consulted.
11. For quantity and distance purposes, detonating cord of 50 to 60 grains per square foot shall be calculated as equivalent to 9 pounds of high explosives per 1000 feet. Heavier or lighter core loads shall be rated proportionately.
12. For unbarricaded condition, the specified distance for “barricaded” shall be doubled.
13. The minimum separation between stores of explosives or blasting agents from barricaded stores of ammonium nitrate shall be not less than 16.7 percent of the distance

## Class I Magazines

**Sec. 77.203.** (a) A magazine may be a building or excavation, tunnel or igloo, military-type magazine or a portable magazine constructed as required in this section.

(b) Class I magazines shall be bullet resistant, fire resistant, weatherproof, theft resistant and well ventilated.

**EXCEPTION:** Magazines used for the storage of blasting agents, Class B and Class C explosives need not be bullet resistant.

(c) Building-type magazines shall be constructed of masonry, wood, metal or a combination of these materials when bullet resistance is required.

1. Masonry units not less than 8 inches in thickness with all hollow spaces filled with concrete, well-tamped sand or equivalent material, or
2. Reinforced concrete not less than 6 inches in thickness, or
3. Steel walls of minimum manufacturer's standard gage No. 14 (.0747 inch) may be used, provided there are two layers spaced at least 6 inches apart with all hollow spaces filled with concrete, well-tamped sand or equivalent material, or
4. One layer of manufacturer's standard gage No. 6 (.1943-inch) or heavier steel, lined on the interior with a minimum of 4 inches of wood, or
5. Two layers of manufacturer's standard gage No. 6 (.1943-inch) or heavier steel, spaced a minimum 1/2 inch apart and lined on the interior with a minimum of 2 inches of wood, or
6. Two layers of wood, at least 2 inches nominal thickness each, spaced a minimum of 4 inches apart with the hollow spaces filled with concrete, well-tamped sand or equivalent material.
7. The roof shall also be protected when the magazine is located where it is possible to fire a bullet directly through it into the explosives stored inside.

**NOTE:** Any sheeting used shall be tongue-and-groove lumber, plywood or approved equal.

(d) Doors shall be of bullet-resistant construction and shall be installed in such manner that the hinges and hasps cannot be removed when the doors are locked and closed.

Doors shall be equipped with substantial and approved means of locking. Each door shall be equipped with two separate locks or a lock requiring two separate keys. All padlocks shall be protected with steel caps constructed so as to prevent prying or lever action on the locks or hasps.

(e) Floors of magazines shall be securely fastened in place and shall be capable of withstanding the loads imposed.

(f) The roofs and exterior sides of building-type magazines may be of wood construction covered with not less than No. 26 gage (.016-inch) steel metal. Roofs of building-type magazines located where it is possible to fire a bullet directly through the roof into the magazine at such an angle that the bullet would strike the explosives therein shall be constructed according to Section 77.203 (c)



or equipped with a sand tray located at the eave line and covering the entire magazine ceiling area except that necessary for ventilation. Sand in the sand tray shall be maintained at a depth of not less than 4 inches.

(g) Magazines shall be ventilated to minimize dampness and heating of stored explosives. Ventilation openings shall be screened with 14 mesh, No. 21 gage wire to prevent the entrance of sparks and shall be protected in a manner that will maintain the bullet resistance of the magazine.

(h) Magazine interiors shall have a smooth finish with all nails, screws, bolts and nuts countersunk or blinded.

(i) The approaches to magazines shall be provided with warning signs reading EXPLOSIVES-KEEP OFF in red letters not less than 4 inches in height and a stroke of at least  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch. The lettering shall be imposed upon a white background. Location of signs shall be within 100 feet of the magazine and so placed that a bullet through the sign will not strike the magazine.

(j) Post an additional warning sign on the door with the letters not less than 2 inches in height and a stroke of  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch on a contrasting background reading EXPLOSIVES, DANGEROUS.

## **Class II Magazines**

**Sec. 77.204.** (a) Class II magazines shall be constructed of wood, metal, fiber or a combination thereof, or any equivalent construction.

(b) Class II magazines shall be well constructed as follows:

1. Two-inch nominal thickness lumber, covered on the exterior with a minimum of No. 20 manufacturer's standard gage steel, or
2. Two thicknesses of 1-inch plywood covered on the exterior with a minimum of No. 20 manufacturer's standard gage steel, or
3. Fiber equal in strength to wood as indicated in Items Nos. 1 and 2 above, covered on the exterior with a minimum of No. 20 manufacturer's standard gage steel, or
4. Minimum No. 14 manufacturer's standard gage steel, lined on the interior with one layer of 1 -inch-thick plywood, or
5. Material of equal strength and fire resistance.

(c) Class II magazines containing explosives and located in buildings shall be located for easy removal in case of fire and, when required by the chief, shall be equipped with approved wheels or casters.

(d) Class II magazines shall be painted red and, when size permits, shall bear lettering in white on sides and top at least 3 inches high with a  $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch stroke which reads EXPLOSIVES.

(e) Class II magazines containing explosives left at locations where no one is in attendance shall be adequately secured to prevent their theft.

## Division III

# USE, HANDLING AND TRANSPORTATION

### Use and Handling of Explosives

**Sec. 77.301.** (a) Blasting operations shall be conducted during daylight hours 'except when authorized at other times by the chief.

(b) The handling and firing of explosives shall be performed only by the person possessing a valid Explosives Certificate issued by the chief or by employees under his direct personal supervision who are at least 18 years of age.

(c) A person while under the influence of intoxicants or narcotics shall not handle explosives.

(d) A person shall not smoke or carry matches while handling explosives or while in the vicinity thereof.

(e) An open-flame light shall not be used in the vicinity of explosives.

(f) Whenever blasting is being conducted in the vicinity of gas, electric, water, fire alarm, telephone, telegraph or steam utilities, the blaster shall notify the appropriate representative of such utilities at least 24 hours in advance of blasting, specifying the location and intended time of such blasting. In an emergency, this time limit may be waived by the chief.

(g) Blasting operations shall be conducted in accordance with nationally recognized good practice.

(h) Before a blast is fired, the person in charge shall make certain that all surplus explosives are in a safe place, all persons and vehicles are at a safe distance or under sufficient cover and a loud warning signal has been sounded.

(i) Due precautions shall be taken to prevent accidental discharge of electric blasting caps from current induced by radio or radar transmitters, lightning, adjacent power lines, dust storms or other sources of extraneous electricity.

These precautions shall include:

1. The suspension of all blasting operations and removal of persons from the blasting area during the approach and progress of an electrical storm.
2. The posting of signs warning against the use of mobile radio transmitters on all roads within approximately 500 feet of the blasting operations.
3. Compliance with nationally recognized good practice when blasting within one and one half miles of broadcast or high-power shortwave transmitters.

(j) When blasting is done in a congested area or in close proximity to a building, structure, railway, highway or any other installation that may be damaged by material being thrown into the air, the blast shall be covered with an adequate blasting mat.

(k) Tools used for opening packages of explosives shall be constructed of nonsparking materials.

(1) Empty boxes and paper and fiber packing materials which have previously contained high explosives shall not be used again for any purpose but shall be

disposed of in a manner approved by the chief.

(m) Explosives shall not be abandoned.

### **Transportation of Explosives**

**Sec. 77.302.** (a) Explosives shall not be carried or transported in or upon a public conveyance or vehicles carrying passengers for hire.

(b) Vehicles used for transporting explosives shall be strong enough to carry the load without difficulty and shall be in good mechanical condition. If vehicles do not have a closed body, the explosives shall be covered with a flameproof and moistureproof tarpaulin or other effective protection against moisture and sparks. Such vehicles shall have tight floors, and exposed spark-producing metal on the inside of the body shall be covered with wood or other nonsparking material to prevent contact with packages of explosives. Packages of explosives shall not be loaded above the sides of open-body vehicles.

(c) Explosives shall not be transported on any vehicle not authorized by the chief.

(d) Every vehicle when used for transporting explosives shall be equipped with not less than one approved-type fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2-A, 10-B:C, or two approved-type fire extinguishers, one of which shall have a minimum rating of 2-A and the other a minimum rating of 10-B:C. Extinguishers shall be so located as to be readily available for use.

(e) It shall be the duty of the person to whom a permit has been issued to transport explosives over the highways of the municipality, to inspect those vehicles employed by him to determine that:

1. Fire extinguishers are filled and in operating condition.
2. Electric wires are insulated and securely fastened.
3. The motor, chassis and body are reasonably clean and free of excessive grease and oil.
4. The fuel tank and fuel line are securely fastened and are not leaking.
5. Brakes, lights, horn, windshield wipers and steering mechanism are functioning properly.
6. Tires are properly inflated and free of defects.
7. The vehicle is in proper condition for transporting explosives.

(f) Spark-producing metals or spark-producing metal tools shall not be carried in the body of a vehicle transporting explosives.

(g) Only those dangerous articles authorized by the U.S. Department of Transportation to be loaded with explosives shall be carried in the body of a vehicle transporting explosives.

(h) A person shall not smoke, carry matches or any other flame-producing device, or carry any firearms or loaded cartridges while in or near a vehicle transporting explosives, or drive, load or unload any such vehicle in a careless or reckless manner.

(i) Vehicles transporting explosives shall be in the custody of drivers who are physically fit, careful, capable, reliable, able to read and write the English

language, not addicted to the use or under the influence of intoxicants or narcotics and not less than 21 years of age. They shall be familiar with state and municipal traffic regulations and the provisions of this article governing the transportation of explosives.

(j) Vehicles transporting explosives shall display explosives signs on both sides, front and rear conforming to the requirements of the vehicle code.

(k) Blasting caps and electric blasting caps when transported on the same vehicle with other explosives shall be separated from the other explosives by containment within a Class II magazine.

(l) Vehicles transporting explosives shall be routed to avoid congested traffic and densely populated areas.

(m) Explosives shall not be transported through any completed vehicular tunnel or subway except on approval of the chief.

(n) Vehicles transporting explosives shall not be left unattended at any time within the jurisdiction.

(o) Unless authorized by the chief, a person other than the driver and one assistant who is at least 18 years of age shall not ride on any vehicle transporting explosives.

(p) The fire and police departments shall be promptly notified when a vehicle transporting explosives is involved in an accident, breaks down or catches fire. Only in the event of such an emergency shall the transfer of explosives from one vehicle to another be allowed on highways within the jurisdiction and only when qualified supervision is provided. Except in such an emergency, a vehicle transporting explosives shall not be parked before reaching its destination except at stopping and parking places designated and approved by the chief.

(q) Delivery shall be made only to authorized persons and into approved magazines or approved temporary storage or handling areas.

(r) Vehicles containing explosives shall not be taken into a garage or repair shop for repairs or storage.

### **Explosives and Blasting Agents at Terminals**

**Sec. 77.303.** (a) The chief may designate the location and specify the maximum quantity of explosives or blasting agents which may be loaded, unloaded, reloaded or temporarily retained at each terminal where such operations are permitted.

(b) Shipments of explosives or blasting agents delivered to carriers shall comply with the U.S. Department of Transportation regulations.

(c) Carriers shall immediately notify the chief when explosives or blasting agents are received at terminals.

(d) Carriers shall immediately notify consignees of the arrival of explosives or blasting agents at terminals.

(e) Truck terminals where explosives are loaded, unloaded or transferred shall conform to the following conditions:

1. There shall be no aboveground storage tanks of flammable or combustible

- liquids or other hazardous substances on the terminal proper or on immediate adjoining property which would present a significant exposure hazard.
2. There shall be no structures or occupancies on immediately adjoining property which would constitute a serious exposure hazard to the terminal.
  3. The terminal property shall be sufficiently large that dock or vehicle storage areas containing explosives shall be a minimum of 50 feet from any structure on adjoining property.
  4. Adequate access to adjoining streets shall be provided to and from the terminal property. Local routes between terminals and deviations from state approved routes shall be prescribed by the chief.
  5. Explosives shall be kept in vehicles to the greatest extent possible. During transferring or loading operations, the explosives should remain on the ground or on docks for as short a time as possible.
  6. Specific areas of docks shall be designated for the temporary "storage" of explosives during loading or transferring operations. A minimum distance shall be specified and maintained between this designated area and all other materials on the dock. Combustible storage and particularly flammable or combustible liquids shall be kept at the greatest possible distance from this designated area.
  7. At all times, a watchman or guard shall be on duty on the terminal property, and he shall be capable of driving all equipment in the area. At times when there are a substantial number of vehicles carrying explosives in the terminal, additional persons capable of driving shall be provided.
  8. Adequate security against unauthorized persons' entering the terminal shall be provided. In metropolitan areas, this will require a fence and adequate gates.
  9. The terminal shall be adequately lighted for normal observation of all vehicles containing explosives.
  10. Adequate fire-protection appliances shall be provided for the loading dock near the designated explosives area and near parked vehicles.
  11. A specific area of the terminal property shall be designated for vehicles containing explosives.
  12. Vehicles containing any special inherent hazard, such as mechanical refrigeration equipment, shall be kept separated from the area designated for the parking of explosives vehicles.
  13. Shipments of explosives shall be transported without unnecessary delay, keeping the explosives in the terminal an absolute minimum length of time, not to exceed 48 hours, excluding Sundays and holidays.

### **Blasting Agents, General**

**Sec. 77.304.** (a) Except when subject to U.S. Department of Transportation regulations, blasting agents shall be stored, handled and used in the same manner as explosives.

(b) Any ammonium nitrate stored at a closer distance to the blasting agent

storage area than as provided in (c) below shall be added to the quantity of blasting agents to calculate the total quantity involved for application of Table No. 77.20 1.

(c) Minimum intraplant separation distances between mixing units and the ammonium nitrate storage areas and blasting agents storage areas shall be in conformity with Table No. 77.201, Note 13 )

### **Mixing Blasting Agents**

**Sec. 77.305.** (a) Buildings or other facilities used for mixing blasting agents shall be located away from inhabited buildings, passenger railways and public highways, in accordance with the provisions of Table No. 77.201.

(b) Not more than eight hours' production of blasting agents or the limit determined by Table No. 77.201, whichever is less, shall be permitted in or near the building or other facility used for mixing blasting agents. Larger quantities shall be stored in magazines.

(c) Buildings or other facilities used for the mixing of blasting agents shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the Building Code.

(d) Compounding and mixing of recognized formulations of blasting agents shall be conducted in accordance with nationally recognized good practice.

(e) Smoking or open flames shall not be permitted in or within 50 feet of any building or facility used for the mixing of blasting agents.

(f) Empty oxidizer bags shall be disposed of daily in a manner approved by the chief.

### **Transportation of Blasting Agents**

**Sec. 77.306.** Vehicles transporting blasting agents not subject to U.S. Department of Transportation regulations shall comply with all requirements of Section 77.302 except that they shall be marked or placarded on both sides, front and rear, with the words BLASTING AGENTS in letters not less than 4 inches in height and approximately a 5/8-inch stroke on a contrasting background.

### **Seizure of Explosives and Blasting Agents**

**Sec. 77.307.** The chief may seize, take, remove or cause to be removed at the expense of the owner all explosives, ammunition or blasting agents offered or exposed for sale, stored, possessed or transported in violation of this article.

## Division IV

# MANUFACTURING, ASSEMBLING AND TESTING

### Manufacturing, Assembling and Testing

**Sec. 77.401.** Any person planning to manufacture, assemble, test or load explosives, ammunition, blasting agents or fireworks shall furnish to the chief the following information:

1. The exact location of the place of manufacture.
2. The kind or kinds of explosives, ammunition, blasting agents or fireworks to be manufactured or processed and the property of hazardous materials to be used.
3. The names and addresses of individual owners, partners or officers of a corporation.
4. A map of the operating premises with the operating buildings indicated in which greater than one pound of explosives is manufactured, handled, used or stored. The maximum amount of explosives greater than one pound to be used in each building, number of persons in each operating building, barricade locations and dimensions and the location and capacity of storage magazines.
5. This article shall not be construed as applying to, or prohibiting the mixture of, blasting agents such as nitrocarbonitrate or ammonium nitrate-fuel oil in the loading area, provided all necessary safety precautions are taken.
6. A copy of the general safety rules which the manufacturer will enforce, including plans for emergency procedures in the event of fire or explosion.

### Plans of Plant

**Sec. 77.402.** A copy of the plans of the plant shall be kept in the office on the premises of each explosive, ammunition, blasting agents or fireworks manufacturing plant and shall be made available to the chief or his authorized representative upon request.

### Training

**Sec. 77.403.** Workmen who handle explosives or explosive charges shall be instructed in the hazards of the materials and processes in which they are to be engaged and with the safety rules governing such materials and processes.

### Emergency Procedure

**Sec. 77.404.** Emergency procedures shall be formulated for each plant which will include personal instruction in any emergency that may be anticipated. All personnel shall be made aware of an emergency warning signal.

### Intraline Distance

**Sec. 77.405.** This distance is the minimum permitted between any two buildings within one operating line. Intraline distances are also used for separating certain specified areas, buildings and locations even though actual line operations are not involved. Intraline distance separation is expected to protect explosives in

buildings from propagation detonation due to blast effects but not against the possibility of propagation detonation due to fragments.

### Intraline Separation of Operating Buildings

**Sec. 77.406.** (a) All mass detonating explosives Class A and fireworks manufacturing buildings, including those where explosive charges are assembled, manufactured, prepared or loaded, shall be separated from all other buildings, including magazines, within the confines of the manufacturing plant at a distance not less than those shown in the following Table No. 77.406 when the buildings are barricaded.

(b) When a building or magazine containing explosives is not barricaded, the intraline distances shown shall be doubled.

**TABLE NO. 77.406-MINIMUM INTRALINE SEPARATION BETWEEN BARRICADED OPERATING BUILDINGS CONTAINING CLASS A EXPLOSIVES OR FIREWORKS MANUFACTURING**

EXPLOSIVE OR FIREWORKS IN POUNDS		MINIMUM DISTANCE IN FEET	EXPLOSIVE OR FIREWORKS IN POUNDS		MINIMUM DISTANCE IN FEET
Over	Not Over		Over	Not Over	
	50	30	20,000	25,000	265
50	100	40	25,000	30,000	280
100	200	50	30,000	35,000	295
200	300	60	35,000	40,000	310
300	400	65	40,000	45,000	320
400	500	70	45,000	50,000	330
500	600	75	50,000	55,000	340
600	700	80	55,000	60,000	350
700	800	85	60,000	65,000	360
800	900	90	65,000	70,000	370
900	1,000	95	70,000	75,000	385
1,000	1,500	105	75,000	80,000	390
1,500	2,000	115	80,000	85,000	395
2,000	3,000	130	85,000	90,000	400
3,000	4,000	140	90,000	95,000	410
4,000	5,000	150	95,000	100,000	415
5,000	6,000	160	100,000	125,000	450
6,000	7,000	170	125,000	150,000	475
7,000	8,000	180	150,000	175,000	500
8,000	9,000	190	175,000	200,000	525
9,000	10,000	200	200,000	225,000	550
10,000	15,000	225	225,000	250,000	575
15,000	20,000	245			

### Operation-Buildings and Equipment

**Sec. 77.407.** (a) Operating buildings or rooms in which more than 50 pounds of explosives or fireworks are present at any time shall be constructed with at least one wall of explosion-relief type. The relief wall shall be placed so as to be of least hazard to workmen in adjacent buildings.

(b) When explosive venting is required, the venting area will be calculated on 1 square foot for each 35 cubic feet of building or room area.



(c) All rooms or buildings shall have adequate aisle space and at least two exits separated from each other by a distance equal to at least one fifth the perimeter of the room. Openings in fire walls shall be equipped with approved, self-closing fire doors. All exit doors shall open in the direction of exit travel and be equipped with panic hardware.

**EXCEPTION:** Cubicles 100 square feet or less and occupied by not more than two persons working within 12 feet of an unobstructed passageway may have one exit.

(d) All electrical wiring and equipment shall be acceptable for the hazard involved and installed in accordance with requirements for wiring and equipment in hazardous locations.

(e) Effective bonding and grounding means shall be provided to prevent accumulation of static charges where static charges are a hazard.

(f) Explosives dust shall not be exhausted to the atmosphere. Where vacuum dust-collection systems are used, they shall comply with the following requirements:

1. Adequate filters must be installed between the source vacuum and the point of pickup to prevent explosives from entering the vacuum pump or exhauster.

2. The explosive dust-collection system shall be designed to prevent pinch points-threaded fittings exposed to the hazardous dust and sharp turns, dead ends, pockets, etc. , in which explosives may lodge and accumulate outside the collecting chamber.

3. The entire vacuum collection system shall be made electrically continuous and be grounded to a maximum resistance of 5 ohms.

4. Chambers in which the dusts are collected shall not be located in the operating area unless adequate shields for the maximum quantity of material in the collector are furnished for personal protection.

**EXCEPTION:** Wet-dust-type collectors.

5. More than two rooms may not be serviced by a common connection to a vacuum collection chamber. Where interconnections are used, means shall be employed to prevent propagation of an incident by way of the collection piping.

6. When collecting the more sensitive explosives such as black powder, lead azide or other high-energy materials, a "wet" collector which moistens the dust close to the point of intake and maintains the dust wet until removed for disposal shall be used. Wetting agents shall be compatible with the explosives.

7. Explosive dusts shall be removed from the collection chamber as often as necessary to prevent overloading. The entire system shall be cleaned at a frequency that will eliminate hazardous concentrations of explosive dusts in pipes, tubing, and/or ducts.

(g) Squirrel cage blowers shall not be used for exhausting hazardous fumes, vapors or gases. Only nonferrous fan blades shall be used for fans located within the ductwork and through which hazardous materials are exhausted. Motors shall be located outside the duct.

(h) Work stations for small amounts of explosives (less than one pound) shall be separated by distance, barrier or other means so that fire in one station will not

ignite material in the next work station. When necessary, each operator shall be protected by a personnel shield located between the operator and the explosive device or explosive material being processed. This shield and its support shall be a tested design to withstand a blast from the maximum amount of explosives allowed behind it.

## **Explosive Operations**

**Sec. 77.408.** (a) When the type of material and processing warrants, mechanical operations involving explosives in excess of one pound shall be carried on at isolated stations or at intraline distances, and machinery shall be controlled from remote locations behind substantial barricades or at intraline separations so that workmen may remain at a safe distance while machinery is operating.

(b) The working area where the screening, grinding, blending and other processing of static-sensitive explosives or pyrotechnic materials is done shall be maintained above 20 percent relative humidity. If the relative humidity drops below 20 percent, the above operations shall be stopped and secured until the relative humidity can be raised above 20 percent. It is desirable to keep the relative humidity above 20 to 30 percent, except where metal powders are involved, and then the relative humidity shall be between 50 and 60 percent.

(c) Means shall be provided and used to discharge static electricity from hand trucks, buggies and similar equipment before they enter buildings containing static-sensitive explosives. It is recommended that conductive wheels, including metal wheels which could not cause sparks, be used on such equipment.

(d) Bulk explosives shall be kept in covered containers when not being used or processed. Explosives shall not be stored or transported in open containers.

(e) The quantity of explosive materials at any particular work station shall be limited to that posted on the load limit signs, and not to exceed four hours' supply of material or four hours' supply of product, except that when this quantity would introduce a serious hazard, such quantities shall be limited to a lesser amount.

(f) Appropriate receptacles with covers shall be provided for each station for disposing of waste material and debris. These waste receptacles shall be emptied and cleaned as often as necessary but not less than once each day or at the end of each shift.

(g) General safety rules and operating instructions governing the particular operation or process carried on at that location shall be available at each station. The rules shall include requirements for bonding and grounding, permissible cleaning agents to use and other precautions deemed necessary for safe operation.

(h) Personnel and explosive limits shall be posted.

(i) Regular maintenance and repair work shall not be permitted in an explosive building until explosives are removed and the area is made safe. This does not prohibit minor adjustments or emergency repairs to secure immediate safety.

(j) Spilled or dropped explosives shall be cleaned up at once.

(k) Shipping containers, cleaning rags and other materials contaminated with explosives shall be removed daily and disposed of in a safe manner.

(1) Fireworks, explosives or explosive charges shall not be stored near any source of heat.

### **Location of Explosive Detonations for Testing**

**Sec. 77.409.** (a) Detonation or ignition of explosive charges or fireworks for testing shall be done only in a location so isolated by distance in accordance with the Quantity and Distance Table No. 77.201, or where barriers shall be provided that will protect any person connected with the test.

(b) Adequate shelter or distance shall be provided to protect employees detonating explosives.

(c) When tests are being conducted or explosives are being detonated, only authorized persons shall be present. Areas where explosives are regularly or frequently detonated or burned shall be fenced and posted with adequate warning signs. Adequate warning devices shall be used before burning or detonating explosives to warn persons who might approach from any direction that they are approaching a danger zone.

### **Disposal of Waste Explosives and Fireworks**

**Sec. 77.410.** (a) Sites for destruction of explosives shall be located at the maximum practicable safe distance from inhabited buildings, public highways, operating buildings and all other exposures. The separation shall be not less than the inhabited building distance (see Table No. 77.201). When possible, barricades shall be utilized between the site and inhabited buildings.

(b) Provision shall be made so scrap explosive material will not be placed in any burn location until at least 48 hours after the last fires have gone out.

(c) A blasting shelter shall be provided near the burn area for emergency use.

## ARTICLE 80

# HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

### Scope

**Sec. 80.101.** This article shall apply to materials not otherwise covered in this code which are highly flammable, or which may react to cause fires or explosions, or which by their presence create or augment a fire or explosion hazard, or which because of the toxicity, flammability or liability to explosion render fire fighting abnormally dangerous or difficult; also to flammable or combustible liquids which are chemically unstable and which may spontaneously form explosive compounds or undergo spontaneous reactions of explosive violence or with sufficient evolution of heat to be a fire hazard. Hazardous materials shall include such materials as flammable solids, corrosive liquids, poisonous gases or highly toxic, radioactive, oxidizing, unstable or reactive, hypergolic or pyrophoric as defined in Article 9. Also, any substance or mixture of substances which is an irritant, a strong sensitizer, or which generates pressure through exposure to heat, decomposition or other means.

### Permits

**Sec. 80.102.** For a permit to store, transport on site or use corrosive liquids, oxidizing materials, organic peroxides, nitromethane, ammonium nitrate, ammonium nitrate fertilizers and fertilizer mixtures, highly toxic materials, pyrophoric materials, hypergolic materials, cryogenic materials) poisonous gases or hazardous materials, see Section 4.101.

For a permit to store, handle or use radioactive material, see Section 4.101.

All hazardous materials permits shall be posted in a conspicuous location on the premises.

### General Requirements

**Sec. 80.103.** (a) The manufacture, storage, on-site transportation or use of hazardous materials shall be safeguarded with such protective facilities as public safety requires.

(b) The chief may require the following:

1. The separation or isolation of any material that in combination with other substances may bring about a fire or explosion or may liberate a flammable or poisonous gas.
2. The separation of occupancies or buildings from other storage when the quantity stored constitutes a fire or life hazard.

(c) Defective containers which permit leakage or spillage shall be disposed of or repaired in accordance with recognized safe practices; no spilled material shall be allowed to accumulate on floors or shelves.

(d) Where kept for retail sale in containers or packages usual to the retail trade, storage shall be neat and orderly and shelves shall be of substantial construction.

(e) Where specific requirements are not otherwise established, storage, transportation or use of hazardous materials shall be in accordance with nationally recognized standards or good practices.

(f) Visible hazard identification signs as specified in U.F. C . Standard No .79-3 shall be placed at all entrances to and in locations where hazardous materials are stored, handled or used in quantities requiring a permit.

(g) Satisfactory provisions shall be made for containing or neutralizing spills or leakage of hazardous materials which may occur during storage, handling, transportation or use .

(h) Materials safety data sheets shall be readily available for all hazardous materials on the premises.

(i) For storage cabinet, transportation and storage tank requirements, see Sections 80.109,80.110 and 80.111 .

### **Oxidizing Materials**

**Sec. 80.104.** (a) Oxidizing materials shall be stored in cool, ventilated, dry locations and separated from organic materials. Bulk oxidizing materials shall not be stored on or against combustible surfaces.

(b) Oxidizing materials shall be stored separately from flammable liquids, flammable solids , combustible materials) hazardous chemicals, corrosive liquids and such other noncompatible materials as may be determined by the chief.

### **Radioactive Materials**

**Sec. 80.105.** (a) Durable, clearly visible signs of warning of radiation dangers shall be placed at all entrances to areas or rooms where radioactive materials are used or stored. In addition, each container in which radioactive materials are used, stored or transported shall bear a durable, clearly visible, appropriate warning sign. Such signs shall bear the three-bladed radiation symbol in magenta or purple on a yellow background in accordance with nationally recognized good practice.

(b) Signs are not required for storage of manufactured articles other than liquids, such as instruments or clock dials or electronic tubes or apparatus of which radioactive materials are a component part, and luminous compounds, when securely packed in strong containers, provided the gamma radiation at any surface of the package is less than 10 milliroentgens in 24 hours.

(c) When not in use, radioactive materials shall be kept in adequately shielded fire-resistant containers of such design that the gamma radiation will not exceed 200 milliroentgens per hour or equivalent at any point of readily accessible surface.

### **Reactive and Unstable Materials**

**Sec. 80.106;** (a) **General.** Reactive and unstable materials shall be kept apart from open flames, excessive heat and other potential ignition sources. Storage shall be controlled to prevent excessive temperatures and pressures and to prevent contamination. Uncontaminated content of broken or cracked bags, packages or other containers shall be transferred to new and clean containers before storing. Other spilled materials and discarded containers shall be promptly gathered up and destroyed in an approved manner. Internal combustion motor vehicles or lift trucks shall not be parked or stored in a room or compartment where such

materials are located. Electrical equipment shall conform to the requirements of the Electrical Code.

(b) **Organic Peroxides.** A detached, well-isolated, ventilated and unheated storage building with walls having not less than a two-hour fire-resistive rating constructed in accordance with the Building Code, a noncombustible floor and a lightweight insulated roof shall be provided for the storage of 50 pounds or more of organic peroxides. If not adequately protected by a fast-acting deluge-type automatic sprinkler system, the storage building shall be located the following minimum distances from flammable or combustible liquid storage, combustible materials in the open and from any other building or highway.

WEIGHT OF ORGANIC PEROXIDE		DISTANCE (Feet)
(Pounds Over)	(Pounds Not Over)	
50 to 100		75
100 to 500		100
500 to 1000		125
1000 to 3000		200
3000 to 5000		300

The organic peroxides shall be stored in the original shipping containers (ICC containers). Care shall be taken to avoid rough handling or contamination of these chemicals. Readily legible warning signs and placards shall be prominently placed in the storage and processing areas.

(c) **Nitromethane.** A suitably isolated outdoor storage area shall be provided for nitromethane, Hazardous processing shall not be permitted in the vicinity of this storage area. Nitromethane shall be stored in the drums in which it is received or in an underground tank with suitable corrosion protection and a minimum of 2 feet of earth over the tank or in barricaded tanks aboveground. If the drum storage is not adequately protected by a fast-acting deluge-type automatic sprinkler system, the storage of 2000 pounds or more shall be located the following minimum distances from inhabited buildings:

WEIGHT		APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF DRUMS	DISTANCE (Feet)
(Pounds Over)	(Pounds Not Over)		
Beginning at 2000		4	100
2000 to 10,000		20	200
10,000 to 20,000		40	300
20,000 to 40,000		80	400
40,000 to 80,000		160	500

Care shall be taken to avoid rough handling or contamination of this chemical. Readily legible warning signs and placards shall be prominently placed in the storage and processing areas.

(d) **Ammonium Nitrate.** 1. All flooring in storage and handling areas shall be of noncombustible material and shall be without drains, traps, pits or pockets into which any molten ammonium nitrate could flow and be confined in case of fire.

2. Each storage pile of bags or other authorized packages and containers of such materials shall not exceed 12 feet in height, 12 feet in width and 30 feet in length. Such pile units shall be separated by a clear space of not less than 36 inches in width from the base to the top of the piles, serving as cross aisles. At least one service or main aisle in the storage area shall be not less than 4 feet in width. A clearance of not less than 30 inches shall be maintained from building walls and partitions and of not less than 36 inches from ceilings or roof structural members with a minimum of 18 inches from sprinklers.

3. Ammonium nitrate storage areas shall be separated by a space of 30 feet or by a tight noncombustible partition from storages of organic chemicals, corrosive liquids, compressed gases, flammable and combustible materials or other contaminating substances such as sulphur, coal, flour and metallic powders such as zinc, copper and magnesium where storage of such materials is permitted with ammonium nitrate.

4. Quantities of ammonium nitrate or ammonium nitrate fertilizer having no organic coating, in the form of crystals, flakes, grains or pills, including fertilizer grade, dynamite grade, nitrous oxide grade and technical grade ammonium nitrate and ammonium nitrate phosphate (containing 60 percent or more ammonium nitrate by weight) of more than 50 tons total weight shall be stored in a well-ventilated building. Such building shall be of one-hour fire-resistive or noncombustible construction as specified in the Building Code or shall be equipped with an approved automatic sprinkler system. In populated areas, quantities of 2500 tons or more shall be stored in well-ventilated buildings of one-hour fire-resistive or noncombustible construction as specified in the Building Code, equipped with an approved automatic sprinkler system. No combustible materials or ammonium nitrate sensitizing contaminants shall be stored in this building.

5. Storage of ammonium nitrate, coated or mixed with organic anticaking materials, except compounded blasting agents, shall not be permitted in populated and congested areas. Outside such areas, quantities of 500 tons or less may be stored in well-ventilated buildings of one-hour fire-resistive or noncombustible construction as specified in the Building Code, equipped with an approved automatic sprinkler system.

### **Highly Toxic Materials**

**Sec. 80.107.** (a) Highly toxic materials shall be segregated from other chemicals and combustible and flammable substances by storage out of doors or in a room or compartment separated from other areas by a one-hour occupancy separation constructed as specified in the Building Code. The storage room shall be provided with adequate drainage facilities and natural or mechanical ventilation to the outside atmosphere constructed as specified in the Mechanical Code.

**EXCEPTION:** Approved storage cabinets for hazardous materials may be used for limited amounts approved by the chief.

(b) Highly toxic materials shall be segregated from other chemicals and combustible and flammable substances by storage in a room or compartment separated from other areas by a one-hour occupancy separation constructed as specified in the Building Code. The storage room shall be provided with adequate drainage facilities and natural or mechanical ventilation to the outside atmosphere constructed as specified in the Mechanical Code.

(c) Legible warning signs and placards stating the nature and location of the highly toxic materials shall be posted at all entrances to areas where such materials are stored or used.

### **Poisonous Gases**

**Sec. 80.108.** (a) Storage of poisonous gases shall be in rooms of at least one-hour fire-resistive construction as specified in the Building Code and having natural or mechanical ventilation adequate to remove leaking gas. Such ventilation shall not discharge to a point where the gases may endanger any person, domestic animal or wildlife.

**EXCEPTION:** Poisonous gases may be stored or used in a room without one-hour fire-resistive construction and mechanical ventilation, provided:

1. Two approved self-contained breathing apparatus units are provided in the immediate area.
2. Atmosphere is monitored and an audible and visual alarm is activated when the maximum safe level for long-term exposure is reached.
3. Excess flow control is provided at the bulk source.
4. Emergency shutdown controls are provided internal and external to the area of use.
5. Approved gas cylinder cabinets which provide adequate ventilation and fire protection are utilized.

(b) Legible warning signs stating the nature of hazard shall be placed at all entrances to locations where poisonous gases are stored or used.

### **Storage Cabinets for Hazardous Materials**

**Sec. 80.109.** Cabinets for the storage of hazardous materials shall be of approved substantial construction and of 0.0478-inch steel or a minimum of 1-inch plywood or equivalent which is compatible with the material being stored. Doors shall be self-closing and self-latching. A minimum of 2-inch sill shall be provided and cabinets shall be liquid tight to the top of the sill. Cabinets shall be painted with an intumescent-type paint and shall be conspicuously labeled in red letters on contrasting background HAZARDOUS—KEEP FIRE AWAY and with hazard identification in accordance with U.F.C. Standard No. 79-3.

### **Designation of Cargo**

**Sec. 80.110.** No person shall operate any vehicle transporting any hazardous materials unless at the time of such transportation there are affixed to both sides, the front and the rear of the vehicle placards and identification numbers in conformity with Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, 1981.

### **Aboveground Storage Tanks and Pressure Vessels**

**Sec. 80.111.** (a) All aboveground storage tanks, pressure vessels and con-



tainers over 100 gallons (water capacity) permanently installed, mounted or affixed and used for the storage of flammable and combustible liquids, compressed gases, or hazardous chemicals regulated by this article, shall be identified in accordance with U.F.C. Standard No. 79-3

**EXCEPTION:** Portable tanks not permanently mounted, temporary tanks used on construction sites, drum storage and packaged materials in containers of 55 gallon or less capacity.

Labels shall conform with U.F.C. Standard No. 79-3 for size and color and shall be affixed to tank, vessel or container so as to be conspicuously visible at all times.

(b) When any tank covered in this section is housed within a building, the building shall have the same hazard identification label in a conspicuous location on the exterior of the building.

**Appendix E (cont'd)**

Permit Used by City of Kansas City  
at Time of Explosion



City of Kansas City, Missouri  
 Public Works Department  
 Office of the City Engineer  
**Permit for Blasting**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: December 31, 19-

A Permit is hereby requested by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Job Site Phone, \_\_\_\_\_

to use high explosives for blasting purposes in connection with work at \_\_\_\_\_

the said \_\_\_\_\_ having forwarded an approved bond issued by \_\_\_\_\_

dated \_\_\_\_\_ in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

Dollars.

CITY CONTRACT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

We are familiar with the use of explosives for the purpose of construction or demolition and are also fully informed on the best safety practices in connection with the use of this material.

BY \_\_\_\_\_

This permit is limited to blasting at the particular location stated above and is issued pursuant to Sections 14. 33, 14.34, 14.35, 14.36, 14.37, 14.38, 14.39, 14.40, 14.41 and 14.42 of the Code of General Ordinances adopted January 23, 1973. Unless revoked by the City Engineer, this permit is valid until the expiration date above or the completion of the project, whichever occurs sooner.

Blasting will be done under the supervision of City Engineer -

Y e s — N o \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

City Engineer

**Appendix F**

Kansas City Attorney's Opinion  
Regarding Permits and Inspections



# Inter-Departmental Communication

DATE December 6, 1988

TO David Olson, City Manager

FROM Richard Ward, City Attorney

SUBJECT Highway Commission Jurisdiction

We have been researching the Missouri Constitution laws and cases concerning the control of the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission over State Highway projects on State right of way or state controlled property. It is our opinion that based on the provisions of Article IV, Section 29 of the Missouri Constitution and Section 227.030, RSMo. (1986) that this control is exclusive and the City has no rights whatsoever to enforce its code on the Commission or its contractors.

Therefore, we should not issue any permits or do any construction inspection or supervision on the projects. This will all be handled by the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission.

  
Richard Ward  
City Attorney

RNW:tl

## **Appendix G**

Examples of Kansas City Blasting Permit Job Site  
Description, Plot Diagram, and Approval Form

LOCATION/NAME OF **JOB/NAME OF SITE**

EXPLOSIVES ON SITE: *YES*

AMOUNT: *40,000 AMMONIUM NITRATE*  
*30 CASES DYNAMITE*

TYPE:

*AMFO*

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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET "**MSDA**"  
GET A COPY OF THIS **FORM**

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**STORAGE:** IS IT TEMPORARY OR *PERMANENT.*

**TYPE:** *MAG + STORAGE TRAILER*

**LOCATION:** *ON SITE - IN MINE.*

**HOW IS IT STORED:** *MAG - 5000 TRAILERS*

**AMOUNTS:**

**AREA POSTED:** *BLASTING - AREA.*

**STORAGE CONTAINER MARKED:** **NO**

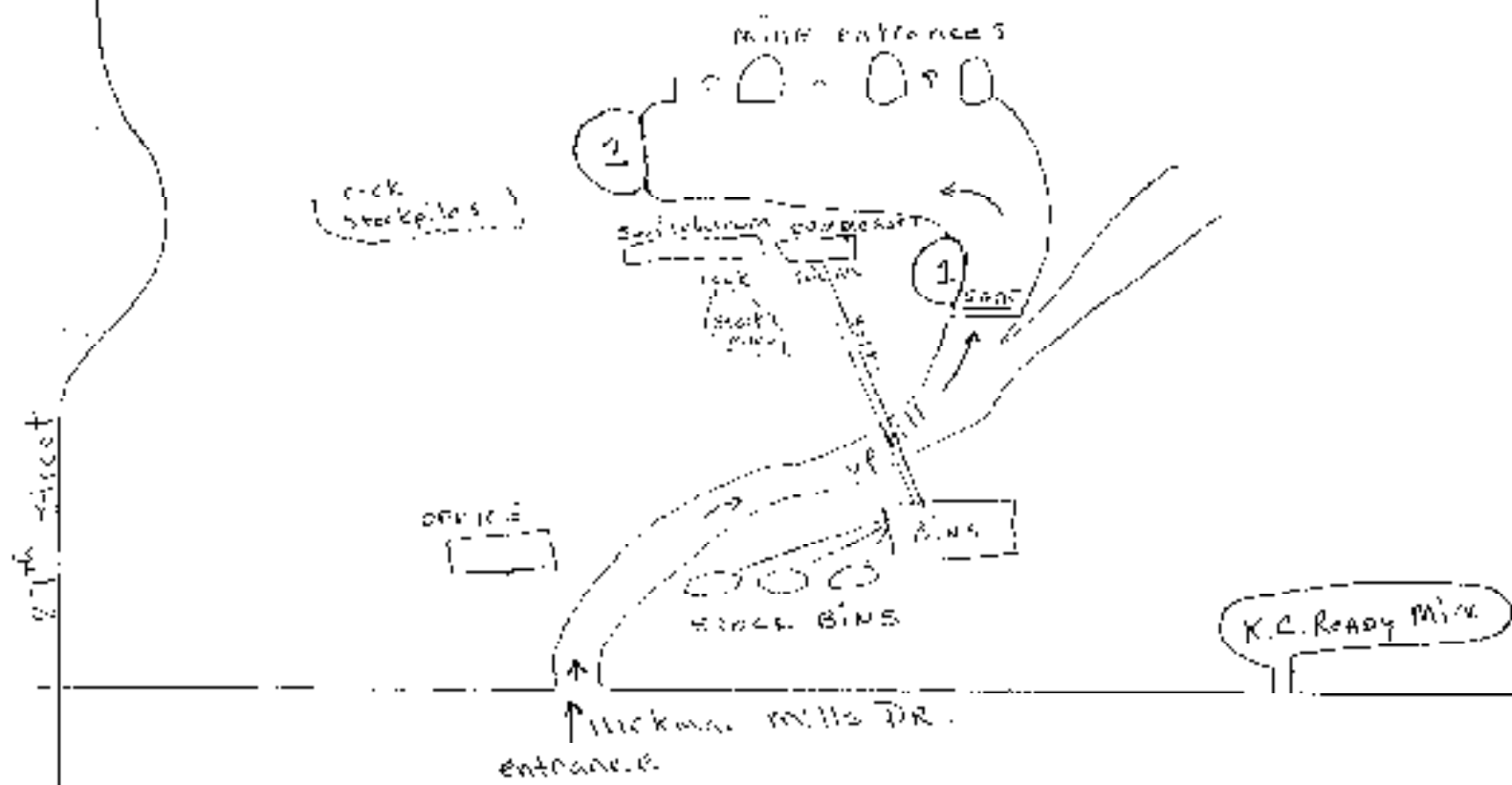
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#1 - detonators

#2 - explosives





DATE \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

FROM \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT Blasting Site Approval by Fire Marshal's Office

The below listed Company and location has been approved by the Fire Marshal's Office as an approved blasting site.

COMPANY'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BLASTING SITE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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Fire Marshal's Inspector  
Bureau of Fire Prevention

## **Appendix H**

Type 5 Magazine Storage Requirements  
and Construction Exhibits

## Type 5 Storage

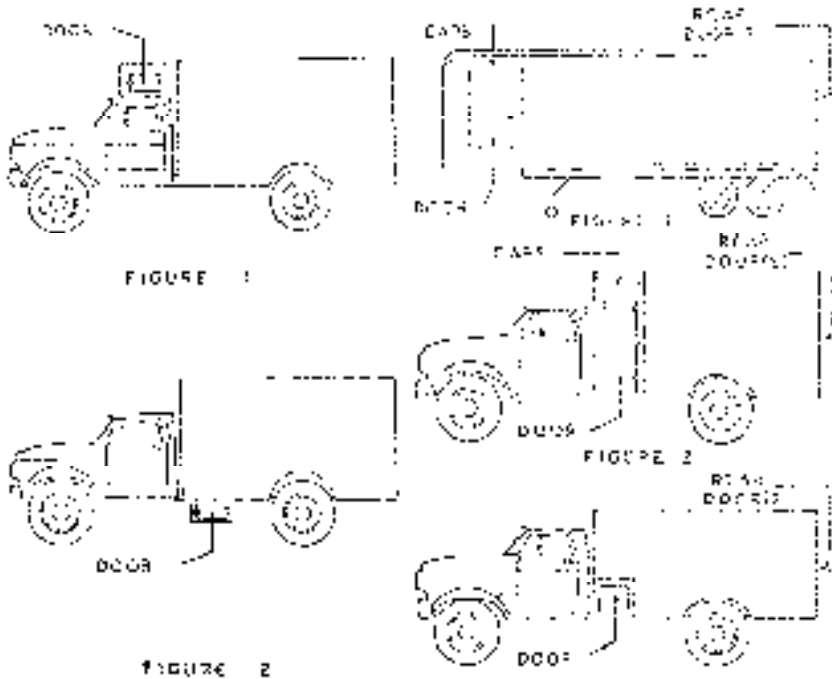
A Type 5 storage facility may be a building, an igloo or Amy-type structure, a tunnel, a digout, a bin, a box, a trailer, or a semitrailer or, other mobile facility; and shall be theft-resistant.

Item	Requirements
Doors or Covers	Shall be constructed of either solid wood, 60% metal.
Hinges, Hubs, and Locks	See construction requirements common to all types of storage facilities.
Housekeeping	See common requirements.
<b>Restrictions On Type 5 Outdoor Storage Facilities</b>	
Ground	Ground around storage facility shall slope away for drainage.
Unattended Storage	Unattended outdoor storage facilities shall have wheels removed or shall be immobilized by locking or other devices.
<b>Restrictions On Type 5 Indoor Storage Facilities</b>	
Location	No indoor storage facility for storing of building agents shall be located in a residence or dwelling.

EXHIBIT

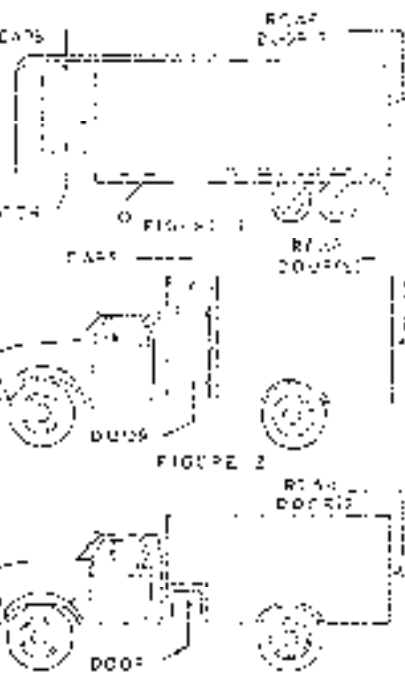
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PERMANENTLY MOUNTED CONTAINERS



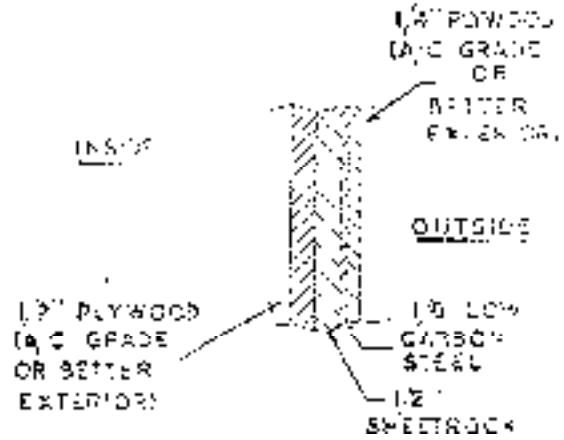
NOTE. THE CONFIGURATIONS SHOWN IN FIGURES 1 AND 2 ARE EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO MULTI-AXLE AND "CAB-OVER" VEHICLES

EXHIBIT "B" CONSTRUCTION

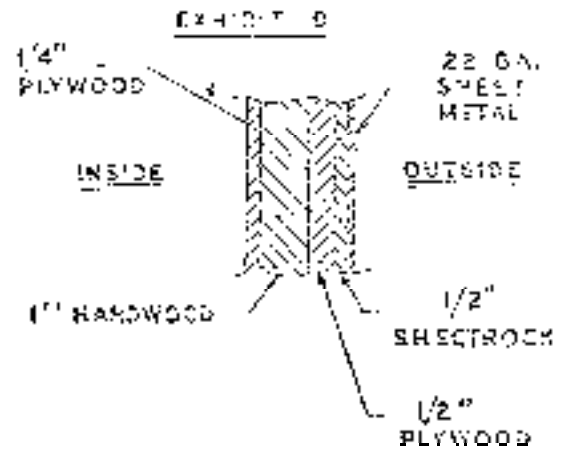


NOTE : THE CONFIGURATIONS SHOWN IN FIGURE 2 AND 3 ARE EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO MULTI-AXLE AND "CAB-OVER" VEHICLE.

Exhibits A-D Ruling 77-24



SKETCH OF LAMINATE CONSTRUCTION FOR CONTAINER OR COMPARTMENT FOR E.B. CAPS. USE AS ILLUSTRATED IN EXHIBIT A, B, AND C



SKETCH OF LAMINATE CONSTRUCTION FOR CONTAINER FOR E.B. CAPS RESTRICTED TO USE AS ILLUSTRATED IN EXHIBIT A.

**Appendix I**

Excerpt from NFPA 495

~~3-4.5 Any electrically driven conveyors for loading or unloading bins shall comply with the requirements of NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code*. They shall be designed to minimize damage from corrosion.~~

~~3-4.6 Bins containing blasting agents shall be located in accordance with Table 6-4b with respect to inhabited buildings, passenger railroads, and public highways.~~

~~3-4.7 Bins containing blasting agents shall be located in accordance with Tables 6-4b and 6-4c with respect to the storage of other blasting agents or explosives.~~

~~3-4.8 Bins containing ammonium nitrate shall be separated from storage of blasting agents and explosives in accordance with Table 6-4c.~~

~~3-4.9 Good housekeeping shall be maintained around any bin containing ammonium nitrate or blasting agent. This shall include keeping weeds and other combustible materials cleared within 25 ft (7.53 m) of the bin. Accumulations of spilled product shall be prevented.~~

### 3-5 Storage of Blasting Agents and Supplies.

S-5.1 Blasting agents and oxidizers used for mixing of blasting agents shall be stored according to the following requirements:

(a) Blasting agents or ammonium nitrate stored with other explosive materials shall be stored according to the requirements of Chapter 3. The total mass of the blasting agents and one-half the mass of ammonium nitrate shall be included when computing the total quantity of explosive materials for determining separation distance requirements.

(b) Blasting agents stored entirely separate from other explosive materials shall be stored in a Type 5 magazine or a magazine of higher classification (lower number).

(c) Magazines in which blasting agents are stored shall be constructed so that there are no open floor drains or piping into which molten materials may flow and be confined in case of fire.

(d) Semi-trailer and trailer vans used for highway or on-site transportation of blasting agents are satisfactory for temporary storage, provided they are located in accordance with Table 6.4b with respect to inhabited buildings, passenger railways, and public highways, and with Table 6.4c with respect to each other. Trailers and semi-trailers shall be provided with substantial means for locking and the doors shall be kept locked unless stocks of blasting agents are actually being placed or removed.

3-5.2 Piles of ammonium nitrate and warehouses containing ammonium nitrate shall be adequately separated from readily combustible fuels.

3-5.3 Caked oxidizer, either in bags or in bulk, shall not be loosened by blasting.

3-5.4 Every magazine used for the storage of blasting agents shall be under the supervision of a competent person who shall be at *least* 21 years of age.

### 3-6 Transportation of Packaged Blasting Agents.

3-6.1 When blasting agents are transported in the same vehicle with other explosive materials, all of the requirements of Chapter 5 shall be met.

3-6.2 Vehicles transporting blasting agents shall only be driven by and be in charge of a driver at least 21 years of age who is capable, careful, reliable, and possessing a valid motor vehicle operator's license. This person shall also be familiar with state vehicle and traffic laws.

3-6.3 No matches, firearms, acids, or other corrosive liquids shall be carried in the bed or body of any vehicle carrying blasting agents.

3-6.4 No person shall be permitted to ride upon, drive, load, or unload a vehicle containing blasting agents while smoking or while under the influence of intoxicants, narcotics, or other dangerous drugs.

3-6.5 It is forbidden for any person to transport or carry any blasting agents upon any public vehicle carrying passengers for hire.

S-6.6 Vehicles transporting blasting agents shall be in safe operating condition at all times.

3-6.7 When blasting agents are transported over public highways, the packaging, marking, and labeling of containers of blasting agents shall comply with U.S. Department of Transportation regulations.

3-6.8 Vehicles used for transporting blasting agents on public highways shall be placarded in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation regulations.

**3-7 Use of Blasting Agents.** Persons using blasting agents shall comply with all applicable requirements of Chapters 2 and 7 of this Code.

## Chapter 4 Water Gel and Emulsion Explosive Material

~~4-1 Scope. For the purposes of this chapter, the term water gel means water gel explosive material or emulsion explosive material.~~

~~4-2 Types and Classifications. Water gels shall be classified as Class A or Class B explosives or as Blasting Agents, according to U.S. Department of Transportation regulations. They shall be manufactured, transported, stored, and used as specified by this Code.~~

~~Exception: As otherwise provided for in this chapter.~~

### ~~4-3 Fixed Location Mixing.~~

~~4-3.1 Buildings or other facilities used for mixing water gels shall be located according to Table 6-4b with respect to inhabited buildings, passenger railroads and public highways.~~

~~In determining the distances separating highways, railroads, and inhabited buildings from potential explo-~~

Notes to Table of Recommended Separation Distances of Ammonium Nitrate and Blasting Agents from Explosives or Blasting Agents

NOTE 1: Recommended separation distances to prevent explosion of ammonium nitrate and ammonium nitrate based blasting agents by propagation from nearby stores of high explosives or blasting agents referred to in the Table as the "donor." Ammonium nitrate by itself, is not considered to be a donor when applying this Table. Ammonium nitrate, ammonium nitrate, fuel oil or combinations thereof are acceptors. If stores of ammonium nitrate are located within the sympathetic detonation distance of explosives or blasting agents, one-half the mass of the ammonium nitrate should be included in the mass of the donor.

NOTE 2: When the ammonium nitrate and/or blasting agent is not barricaded, the distances shown in the Table shall be multiplied by six. These distances allow for the possibility of high velocity metal fragments from mixers, hoppers, truck bodies, sheet metal structures, metal containers, and the like, which may enclose the "donor." Where storage is in bullet resistant magazines' recommended for explosives or where the storage is protected by a bullet resistant wall, distances and barricade thicknesses in excess of those prescribed in the American Table of Distances are not required.

NOTE 3: The distances in the Table apply to ammonium nitrate that pass the insensitivity test prescribed in the definition of ammonium nitrate fertilizer promulgated by the Fertilizer Institute and ammonium nitrate failing to pass said test shall be scored at separation distances determined by competent persons and approved by the authority having jurisdiction.

NOTE 4: These distances apply to nitrocarbonitrates and blasting agents which pass the insensitivity test prescribed in regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

NOTE 5: Earth, or sand dikes, or enclosures filled with the prescribed minimum thickness of earth or sand are acceptable artificial barricades. Natural barricades such as hills or timber of sufficient density that the surrounding exposures which require protection cannot be seen from the "donor" when the trees are bare or leaves, are also acceptable.

NOTE 6: For determining the distances to be maintained from inhabited buildings, passenger railways and public highways, use the Table of Distances for Storage of Explosives, Table 6.4b.

64.4 An indoor magazine shall only be located on a floor that has an entrance at or a ramp to grade level. It shall be located no more than 10 ft (3 m) from the entrance.

64.5 Two magazines may be located in the same building only if one magazine is used solely for the storage of detonators in quantities not exceeding 5,000. A distance of 10 ft (3 m) shall be maintained between the magazines.

6-4.6 The local fire department and other local emergency response agencies shall be notified of the location of all magazines and shall be notified of any changes in location.<sup>3</sup>

64.7 Type 3 magazines shall be located away from neighboring inhabited buildings, railways, highways, and other magazines. A distance of 150 ft (45.8 m), or greater if required by the local authority having jurisdiction, shall be maintained between magazines and work in

progress whenever the quantity of explosives in the magazines exceeds 25 lb (11.3 kg).

6-4.7.1 The separation distance between magazines and work in progress may be reduced to 50 ft (15.24 m) if the quantity of explosive materials in the magazines does not exceed 25 lb (11.3 kg).

6-4.8 Type S magazines shall be attended when explosive materials are stored within. All explosive materials shall be removed to appropriate storage magazines for unattended storage at the end of the work day.

6-4.9 Two Type 3 magazines may be located at a blasting site, if one magazine is used solely for the storage of detonators.

6-4.10 A Type 5 magazine shall not be located in a residence or dwelling.

### 6-5 Magazine Construction - Basic Requirements.

6-5.1 Magazines shall be constructed so as to comply with this section or in a manner substantially equivalent to the requirements for safety and security embodied in this section.

6-5.2 The ground around a magazine shall be graded so that water drains away from the magazine.

6-5.3 Magazines requiring heat shall be heated by either hot water radiant heating within the magazine building or by indirect warm air heating.

6-5.3.1 Indirect warm air shall be heated by either hot water or low pressure [15 psig (103 kPa) or less] steam coils located outside the magazine building.

6-5.4 Magazine heating systems shall meet the following requirements:

(a) Radiant heating coils within the building shall be installed so that explosive materials or their containers cannot contact the coils and so that air is free to circulate between the coils and the explosive materials. The surface temperature of the coils shall not exceed 165°F (74%).

(b) Heating ducts shall be installed so that the hot air discharged from the ducts is not directed against explosive materials or containers.

(c) The heating system shall be controlled so that the ambient temperature of the magazine does not exceed 130°F (54°C).

(d) Any electric fan or pump used in the heating system shall be located outside the magazine, separate from the magazine walls, and shall be grounded.

(e) Any electric motor and any controls for electric heating devices used to heat water or produce steam shall have overload devices and disconnects which comply with NFPA 70, National Electrical Code. All electrical switchgear shall be located at least 25 ft (7.6 m) from the magazine.

(f) Any fuel-fired heating source for the hot water or steam shall be separated from the magazine by a distance

<sup>3</sup>For construction of bullet resistant magazines see Section 6.6. 'Definition and Test Procedures for Ammonium Nitrate Fertilizer. Fertilizer Institute November 1964.

container without a closed lid may be stored in the magazine. Only fiberboard containers may be opened in the magazine.

6-7.9 Containers of explosive materials other than fiberboard shall not be unpacked or repacked inside or within 50 ft (15.25 m) of a magazine or in close proximity to other explosive materials.

6-7.10 Tools used for opening containers of explosive materials shall be constructed of nonsparking material.

**Exception:** *Metal slitters may be used/or opening fiberboard containers.*

6-7.11 Magazines shall be used exclusively for the storage of explosive materials, blasting materials, and blasting accessories. Metal tools other than nonferrous transfer conveyors shall not be stored in a magazine containing explosives or detonators. Ferrous metal conveyor stands protected by a coat of paint may be stored within a magazine.

6-7.12 Magazine floors shall be regularly swept and kept clean, dry, free of grit, paper, empty packages, and rubbish. Brooms and other cleaning utensils shall not have any spark-producing metal parts. Sweepings from magazine floors shall be disposed of according to manufacturers' instructions.

6-7.13 When any explosive material has deteriorated to the extent that it is in an unstable or dangerous condition or if nitroglycerine or other liquid is leaking from any explosive, the person responsible for the explosives shall immediately contact the manufacturer for assistance. Magazine floors stained with nitroglycerine or other liquid shall be cleaned according to manufacturers' instructions.

6-7.14 Before making repairs to the interior of a magazine, all explosive materials shall be removed and the floor shall be cleaned.

6-7.15 In making repairs that may result in sparks or fire to the exterior of a magazine, all explosive materials shall be removed.

6-7.16 Explosive materials removed from a magazine undergoing repair shall be placed either in another magazine or at a safe distance from the magazine. They shall be properly guarded and protected. Upon completion of the repairs, they shall be promptly returned to the magazine.

### 6-8 Miscellaneous Safety Precautions.

68.1 Smoking, matches, open flames, spark-producing devices, and firearms shall not be permitted inside of or within 50 ft (15.25 m) of a magazine.

**Exception:** *Firearms carried by authorized guards.*

6-8.2 The area around a magazine shall be kept clear of brush, dried grass, leaves, and similar combustibles for a distance of at least 25 ft (7.63 m).

6-8.3 Combustible materials shall not be stored within 50 ft (15.25 m) of magazines.

6-8.4 Explosive materials recovered from blasting misfires shall be stored in a separate magazine until disposal instructions have been received from the manufacturer. Such explosive materials shall then be disposed of in the manner recommended. Detonators recovered from blasting misfires shall not be reused.

6-8.5 Property on which Type 1 magazines and outdoor magazines of types 2, 4 and 5 are located shall be posted; shall be located so as to minimize the possibility that a bullet shot at the sign will hit the magazine.

## Chapter 7 Use of Explosive Materials for Blasting

### 7-1 Basic Requirements.

7-1.1 All federal, state, and local laws and regulations applicable to obtaining, owning, transporting, storing, handling, and using explosive materials shall be followed.

7-1.2 Explosive materials shall be protected from unauthorized possession and shall not be abandoned.

7-1.3 Explosive materials shall be used only by experienced persons who are familiar with the hazards involved and who hold all required permits.

7-1.3.1 Loading and Firing shall be performed or supervised only by a person possessing an appropriate blaster's permit.

7-1.3.2 Trainees, helpers, and other persons who do not hold the required permits shall work only under the supervision of persons holding such permits.

7-1.4 No explosive materials shall be located or stored where they may be exposed to flame, excessive heat, sparks, or impact.

7-1.4.1 No firearms shall be discharged into or in the vicinity of a vehicle containing explosive materials or into or in the vicinity of a location where explosive materials are being handled, used, or stored.

7-1.4.2 No smoking shall be permitted within 50 ft (15.25m) or used any location where explosives are being handled.

7-1.4.3 No person within 50 ft (15.25 m) of any location where explosives are being handled or used shall carry any matches, open light, or other fire or flame.

**Exception:** *Suitable devices for lighting safety fuse are exempt from this requirement.*

7-1.5 No person under the influence of intoxicating liquors, narcotics, or other dangerous drugs shall be allowed to handle explosive materials.

7-1.6 No attempt shall be made to fight a fire which cannot be contained or controlled before it reaches explosive materials. In such cases, all personnel shall be im-



## **Appendix J**

Excerpts from National Fire Academy  
Course Materials

## SCOPE OF THE COURSE

*Recognizing and Identifying Hazardous Materials* is designed to enable the student to contribute to the reduction of the harm created by hazardous materials emergencies. The course is designed to develop the basic skills with which to:

- identify the hazardous materials problem in their communities;
- recognize hazardous materials presence;
- identify the specific hazardous material(s) and associated hazard characteristics.

## COURSE GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

The overall course goal is to provide the student with the knowledge to recognize and identify hazardous mater&. Specific objectives which lead to this goal are to:

- determine the extent of the hazardous materials potential in their community;
- describe the types of problems associated with emergencies involving hazardous materials;
- explain the function of emergency response personnel in hazardous materials emergencies;
- list and explain the six steps of Benner's D.E.C.I.D.E. process;
- list and explain the SIX clues for detecting hazardous materials presence;
- name the shipping papers found in transportation by proper name, location, and person responsible for the document;
- describe the information and assistance available from the following resources and how to obtain this information and assistance -
  - a. CHEMTREC
  - b. Shipper (Chemical Industry)
  - c. Carrier (Transportation Industry)
  - d. Federal agencies
  - e. Various emergency action guides (particularly the DOT Emergency Response *Guidebook*, and the BOE *Emergency Handling of Hazardous Materials Surface Transportation*.)
- given a variety of emergency scenes, the appropriate documents, and other identified resource manuals -
  - a. select the situation involving hazardous materials;
  - b. identify the specific name of the material(s) involved; and
  - c. develop and record the hazard and response information associated with that material.

## STANDARDS

The National Fire Academy has long been a strong supporter of the standards-making process of the National Professional Qualifications Board for the Fire Service which operates under the jurisdiction of the Joint Council of National Fire Service Organizations.

The Academy, in its final preparation of this course, reviewed the appropriate professional qualifications standards to determine which specific standards were addressed in whole or in part.

Those addressed in whole or substantially in part are:

### **NFPA-1001** Firefighter Professional Qualifications (1981)

- |        |  |
|--------|--|
| 511.1  | The firefighter shall define and identify the symbols and signs used to designate hazardous materials.             |
| 5-11.2 | The firefighter shall define and identify the precautions to be observed and followed in hazardous material areas. |

1109 To consider the harm associated with the release of hazardous materials. Let's look at some past releases and their effect on the community.



1110 In Waverly, Tennessee, a tram derailment resulted in the delayed but violent release of LP gas from a tank car.



1111 The resulting fire killed 16 people, injured 40, destroyed 30 buildings and caused the evacuation of more than 1,000 persons



1112 An air transportation incident at National Airport in Washington, D.C. involved a leaking container of viral hepatitis - an etiologic agent. Release of the contents could have had a major impact on the people in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area.



1113 In LaGrange, Missouri, a flaming barge carrying 840,000 gallons of gasoline ripped from its moorings after a series of explosions at an oil refinery and drifted into a railway bridge down river at Quincy, Illinois, killing six people.



1114 In Rutt Creek, Pennsylvania a pipeline rupture released 75,000 gallons of propane, killing two people



1115 A truck driver in Marshalls Creek, Pennsylvania noticed a tire fire on his vehicle. He removed the placards and then notified the fire department. When the firefighters arrived, they could not find the driver or see any indication of the vehicle's contents.



While attempting to extinguish the fire, the contents - 13 tons of blasting agent - exploded, killing six firefighters and destroying their apparatus.

1116 Methyl bromide, a poisonous liquid, was released during this grade crossing accident. It injured four railroad employees



1117 A splash of sulfuric acid, a corrosive material, from a failed rupture disk on the safety vent on this tank car injured a railroad employer



1118 Other accidents have been less costly in human terms. This leakage of liquefied petroleum gas through a valve was secured with no problems.



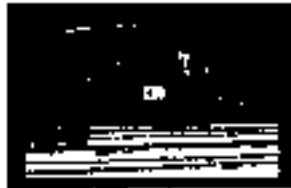
1029 Explosives and blasting agents are compounds, mixtures, or devices designed to function with instantaneous release of heat and gas.



1030 Explosives are often sensitive to heat or shock. Some react by contact with corrosive materials.



1031 Class "A" explosives are of detonating or otherwise maximum hazard.



1032 A detonation is characterized by the instantaneous release of energy and the flying pieces of the container.



1033 Dynamite and TNT are class "A" explosives because they detonate. Black powder is a class "A" explosive because it burns very rapidly, or deflagrates, when exposed to a spark or fire.



1034 Class "B" explosives like propellant explosives, special fireworks, and rocket motors, function by rapid combustion, rather than detonation.



1035 Class "C" explosives, such as igniter cord, small arms ammunition, and common fireworks, are manufactured products which contain small quantities of class "A" or "B" explosives. Their principle hazard is fire.



1036 Blasting agents, like ammonium nitrate-fuel oil mixtures, function by detonation. However, they are so stable that there is little chance of an accidental explosion.



1037 Rail shipments of explosives are generally military ordinance packaged in wooden boxes and shipped in box cars.



1038 For commercial products, fiberboard boxes are generally used.



TIME	CONTENT/METHODOLOGY	MATERIALS
5 min.	<p><b>STEP 1</b> <u>—Interactive Discussion—</u>                      Purpose of the Emergency Response Effort</p> <p>A. Develop the purpose of an emergency response effort.</p> <p>IF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL EMERGENCIES DO OCCUR AND YOU, AS EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL, GET INVOLVED, <b>WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE EFFORT?</b></p> <p>Let the students answer verbally. Discuss their answers and try to develop consensus.</p> <p>Try to develop the following answer from the students' comments.</p> <p><b>TO FAVORABLY CHANGE THE OUTCOME.</b></p> <p>REMEMBER, WE GET INVOLVED BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIALLY UNFAVORABLE/UNSATISFACTORY OUTCOMES ASSOCIATED WITH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. <b>IF WE CAN'T FAVORABLY CHANGE THE OUTCOME, WHY EVEN GET INVOLVED?</b></p>	SM II-3
5 min.	<p><b>STEP 2</b>— <u>individualized Activity — Pre-Test</u></p> <p>A. Present instructions for Pre-Test.</p> <p>TURN TO PAGE U-1 IN YOUR STUDENT MANUAL. YOU WILL FIND THE PRE-TEST FORM. TO COMPLETE THIS PRE-TEST, LISTEN AS I READ THE STATEMENTS PRINTED ON THE FORM.</p> <p>AS YOU HEAR A STATEMENT, THINK ABOUT THAT STATEMENT AND THEN INDICATE WHETHER YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE STATEMENT.</p> <p>IF YOU AGREE, CIRCLE THE "A" (FOR AGREE) TO THE LEFT OF THE STATEMENT. IF YOU DISAGREE, CIRCLE THE "D" (FOR DISAGREE) TO THE LEFT OF THE STATEMENT.</p> <p>B. Read the Pre-Test statements one time each.</p> <p>Read each statement once, pausing after each statement briefly (1-2 seconds) so that students can record their response.</p> <p>1. <b>A PLAN WILL GET ME READY FOR ANY HAZARDOUS MATERIAL EMERGENCY.</b></p>	SM II- 2

**Decision Making in Emergencies  
Slide/Tape Script**

2001



Despite all the prevention efforts of the transportation and chemical industries, the release of hazardous materials is possible.

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If and when that release occurs, the citizens in your community look to you as emergency response personnel for help.

2003



They expect you to act quickly to protect their lives and property. Needless to say, you must protect yourself in the process.

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Once you become of a hazardous material problem, you are faced with a series of decisions that should focus on reducing the harm that would otherwise occur.

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The following steps will provide a guide for making these decisions. When involved in an emergency, you must  
Detect hazardous material presence,  
Estimate likely harm,  
Choose response objectives,  
Identify action options,  
Do the best option, and  
Evaluate process

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The acronym D.E.C.I.D.E. will help you remember these six steps.

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Let's look at these steps one by one

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The first step in any emergency is to look for hazardous materials. Numerous clues usually exist when hazardous materials are present, but you must recognize them

2009 Once you detect the presence of hazardous materials, the next logical step is to determine the extent of the problem.



2010 In this step you need to predict the behavior of the hazardous material,



2011 predict the danger area, and then describe the potential harm to people, environment, and property within that danger area.



2012 Once you know what can be harmed, you have to decide what you will gain by getting involved.



2013 Therefore, you must decide what has already been lost, what is in danger but can be saved and what is not in danger, then determine your strategy.



2014 Next, consider the available action options or tactics which will help you accomplish your strategy



2015 Response options range from total involvement



2016 to immediate withdrawal, depending on the problem.













2017 choose the best course of action only after evaluating the advantages and disadvantages of each action option. You should choose the option with the greatest gain and the least loss.

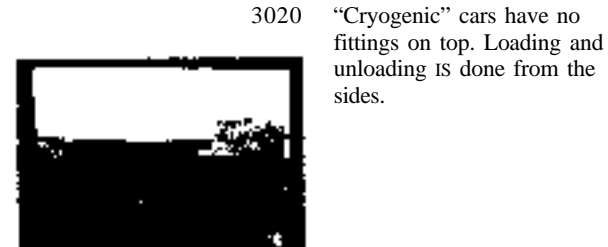
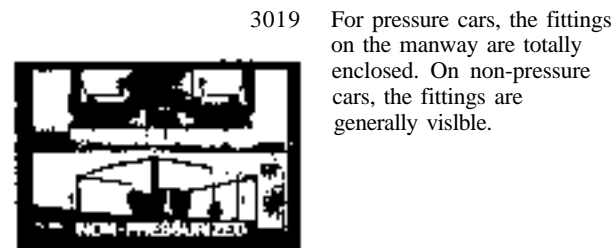
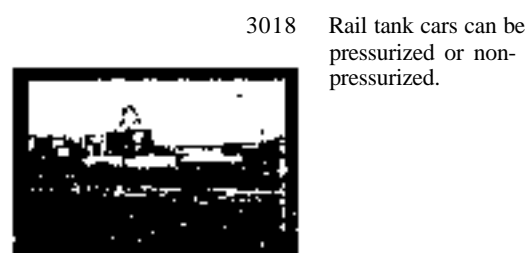
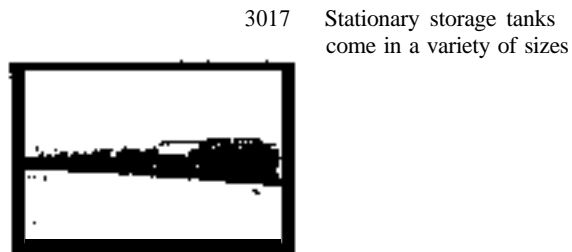
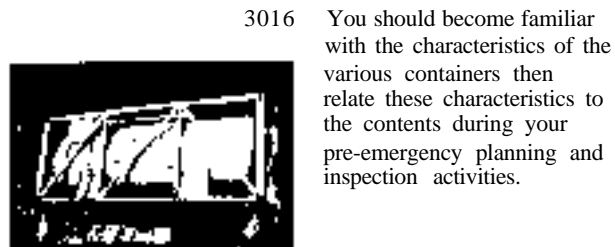
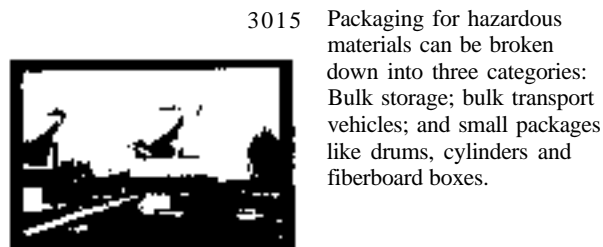
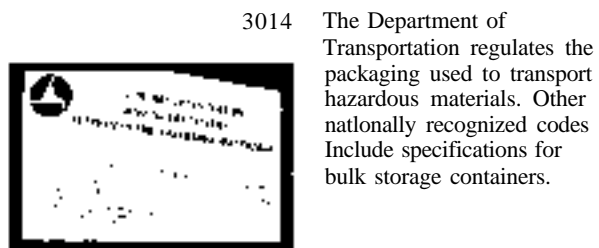
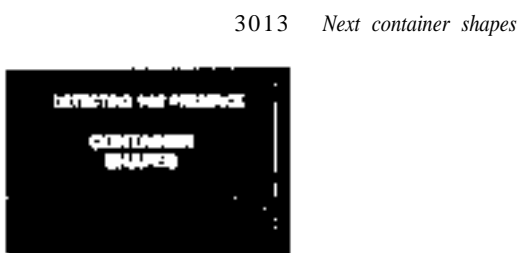
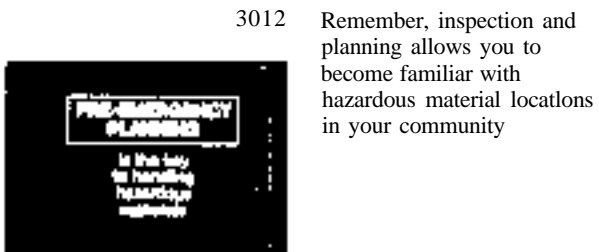
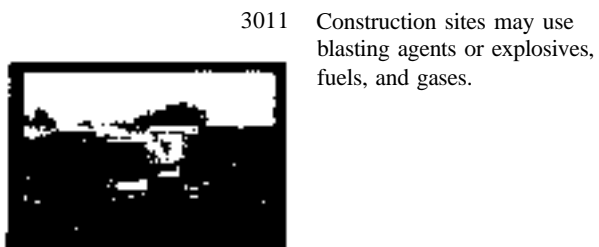


2018 After choosing the best option, you must continuously observe the effect of your decision to ensure that the circumstances are flowing as anticipated. If not, you may have to go back through the steps in the decision process to see what is wrong.



	<p>2019 To become “part of the solution, not part of the problem” in an emergency, you must follow</p>		<p>2024 Pre-emergency planning and inspections will make you familiar with potential hazardous material problems in your community.</p>
	<p>2020 a logical process similar to the D.E.C.I.D.E. Process. Your training and pre-emergency planning will help you make these decisions.</p>		<p>2025 So where can we find hazardous materials? Just about everywhere!</p>
	<p>2021 Remember, your decisions will affect the outcome in the emergency.  If your decisions are wrong, you will find yourself making the outcome worse, instead of better. Since the initial decisions you make are so critical, the best advice is summed up in a single sentence:</p>		<p>2026 Manufacturing plants produce large quantities of hazardous materials.</p>
	<p>2022 <u>If you don't know, Don't go</u> <u>It might blow!</u></p>		<p>2027 Hazardous materials, in the form of raw materials as well as finished products, are often stored at production sites.</p>
	<p>2023 Fortunately, many of these decisions can be made in advance. If you know where hazardous materials are located in your community.</p>		<p>2028 Hazardous materials are transported throughout the country by highway, rail, air, water, and pipeline.</p>





3108 The color of smoke and flame can help identify that hazardous material.



3109 Irritation to the eyes or skin is also a signal that you are being exposed and that you should leave the danger area.



3110 To review, six categories of clues are used to detect hazardous materials:  
Occupancy and location;  
Container shapes,  
Markings and colors;  
Placards and labels;  
Shipping papers, and  
Senses.



Remember, rain, snow, and darkness reduce your ability to detect hazardous materials.

3111 You should develop your skills for detecting hazardous material presence through your pre-emergency planning, inspections, and training. Look for these clues as you approach any emergency scene.



3112 You can't handle a problem unless you realize the problem exists.



# Hazardous Materials Definitions

The following definitions have been abstracted from the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49-Transportation, Parts 100 to 199. Refer to the referenced sections for complete details. NOTE: Rulemaking proposals are outstanding or are contemplated concerning some of these definitions.

HAZARD CLASS	DEFINITIONS
	<b>An Explosive</b> - Any chemical compound, mixture, or device, the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion, i.e., with substantially instantaneous release of gas and heat, unless such compound, mixture, or device is otherwise specifically classified in Parts 170-W. (Sec. 173.50)
CLASS A EXPLOSIVE	Detonating or otherwise of maximum hazard. The nine types of Class A explosives are defined in Sec. 173.53.
CLASS B EXPLOSIVE	In general, function by rapid combustion rather than detonation and include some explosive devices such as special fireworks, flash powders, etc. <b>Flammable hazard.</b> (Sec. 173.88)
CLASS C EXPLOSIVE	Certain types of manufactured articles containing class A or Class B explosives, or both, as components but in restricted quantities, and certain types of fireworks. <b>Minimum hazard.</b> (Sec. 173.100)
BLASTING AGENTS	A material designed for blasting which has been tested in accordance with Sec. 173.114a(b) and found to be so insensitive that there is very little probability of accidental initiation to explosion or of transition from deflagration to detonation. (Sec. 173.114a(a))
COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID	Any liquids having a flash point above 100°F. and below 200°F. as determined by tests listed in Sec. 173.115(d). Exceptions to this are found in Sec. 173.115(b).
CORROSIVE MATERIAL	Any liquid or solid that causes visible destruction of human skin tissue or a liquid that has a severe corrosion rate on steel. (See Sec. 173.240(a) and (b) for details),
FLAMMABLE LIQUID	Any liquid having a flash point below 100°F. as determined by tests listed in Sec. 173.115(d). Exceptions are listed in Sec. 173.115(a).
	<b>Pyroforic Liquid</b> - Any liquid that ignites spontaneously in dry or moist air at or below 130°F. (Sec. 173.115(c))
	<b>Compressed Gas</b> - Any material or mixture having in the container an absolute pressure exceeding 40 psia at 70°F., or a pressure exceeding 104 psia at 130°F.; or any liquid flammable material having a vapor pressure exceeding 40 psia at 100°F. (Sec. 173.300(a))
FLAMMABLE GAS	Any compressed gas meeting the requirements for lower flammability limit, flammability limit range, flame projection, or flame propagation criteria as specified in Sec. 173.300(b).
NONFLAMMABLE GAS	Any compressed gas other than a flammable compressed gas.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT ANALYSIS

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**SCOPE OF THE COURSE**

*Hazardous Materials Incident Analysis* is designed to enable the student to better assess the hazardous materials emergency threat to people, property, and systems, through an analytical study of general hazardous materials emergency behaviors. The course is designed to develop the necessary skills to adequately define the problem posed by hazardous materials in emergency situations. These analytical skills will be reinforced throughout the course.

These skills can also be used to support your:

- Pre-emergency planning activities,
- Training of emergency response personnel,
- Learning from your own experience.

This course focuses on events analysis and defining the hazardous materials problem.

The course is best suited for the following personnel:

1. Fire officers
2. Fire training officers
3. Other emergency response agency supervisory and training personnel (EMS, law enforcement, emergency management, public health, etc.)

**COURSE GOAL AND OBJECTIVES**

The overall course goal is:

To provide the student with the knowledge to assess a hazardous materials emergency using the first two steps of the D.E.C.I.D.E. method.

Enabling objectives for students which lead to this goal are to:

- Define hazardous materials, and the Department of Transportation categories and classifications,
- Describe five areas hazardous materials are present in the community, and five modes of hazardous materials transportation.
- Describe three situations where hazardous materials created harm when released from their containers.
- Define a hazardous materials incident/emergency.
- Define “outcome” as it relates to an emergency.
- Name at least five potentially dangerous assumptions about hazardous materials.
- Specify ways hazardous materials emergencies are different.
- Give reasons why it is important to “define your hazardous material problem” before getting directly involved in an emergency.
- Explain course goals, objectives, scope, and limitations.
- Explain the purpose of an emergency response effort.
- List in order and describe Benner’s D.E.C.I.D.E. steps.
- List and describe the six groups of clues for detecting the presence of hazardous materials.
- Recognize the presence of hazardous materials in scenarios from visual information about the scenarios.
- Describe the two parts of “estimating likely harm without intervention.”
- Explain how events analysis can be used to estimate likely harm without intervention.
- Identify the significant events in a given scenario, and then place those events in sequence.
- Explain the format for describing likely outcomes in emergencies.
- Explain the process of identifying hazardous materials.
- Identify five specific sources of information to help identify hazardous materials.
- Prepare a “Hazardous Material Data Sheet.”
- Describe the Hazardous Materials Behavior Model.
- List and be able to recognize the types of stress, breach, releases, dispersion, and hazardous materials travel patterns.
- Differentiate between impingement and harm, and identify factors which influence the range of harm.
- Identify four factors which affect behavior of hazardous materials in emergencies.
- Given three scenarios and background information, complete several events analysis worksheets.

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Slide 25 Rail shipments and explosives are generally military ordnance and are often in wooden boxes shipped in box cars.



Slide 26 For commercial products, fiberboard boxes are used.



Slide 27 "Compressed gases" are materials In the container under a pressure exceeding 40 psia at 70°F or a pressure exceeding 104 psia at 130°F. For liquid flammable materials, the test for vapor pressure exceeding 40 psia is made at 100°F.



Slide 28 Compressed gases can be in a liquified or a nonliquified form.



Tank cars carry compressed gases in the liquid form. Gases are liquified by either pressure or extreme cooling-as in cryogenics.

Slide 29 Cylinders generally contain nonliquified gases at high pressures.



Slide 30 Compressed gases may pose the danger of a violent rupture in an accident. Vapor can travel great distances. Vapors ignite. Vapors may be toxic and/or corrosive. Liquids released from compressed gas tanks may be very cold and could cause frostbite. Liquified gases can expand many hundreds of times beyond the size of their containers.



Slide 31 Flammable compressed gases can ignite and burn readily.



Slide 32 Nonflammable gases often are toxic and generally will not burn, but, like oxygen (a nonflammable gas), may support the combustion of other materials.



Slide 33 Common packages for compressed gases Include the:



Slide 82 A truck driver in Marshalls Creek, Pennsylvania, noticed a tire fire on his vehicle, removed the placards, and then notified the fire department. Upon their arrival, firefighters could not find the driver or see any indication of the vehicle's contents. While attempting to extinguish the fire, the contents-thirteen tons of 1 blasting agent-exploded, killing SIX firefighters and destroying their apparatus.



Slide 83 A crossing accident in California injured four railroad personnel when the tram hit the rear of a double-bottom trailer containing methyl bromide, a poisonous liquid, which was released.



Slide 84 This incident involved a 1,900-gallon tank truck of LP gas that was ignited. The emergency personnel responding applied water to the tank for 45 minutes until their tanker operation was interrupted causing them to pull back.



Slide 85 The tank never exploded. The action of the emergency response personnel in securing the area and pulling back the emergency personnel was correct, as it would have averted a major catastrophe and loss of life had the tank exploded.



Slide 86 Not all hazardous materials emergency become major incidents. The leakage of liquified petroleum gas (a flammable gas) through a nipple connected to the unloading valve on this rail car at an unloading rack was considered minor



Slide 87 In a rail yard, a splash of sulphuric acid, a corrosive material, from a failed rupture disk on the safety vent of this tank car injured d railroad employee



Slide 88 Hazardous materials incidents can occur in the home too. The occupant of this apartment was laying kitchen the using a flammable mastic. The vapors of the mastic were ignited by a cigarette, causing the entire apartment to burst into flames.



Slide 89 As we previously mentioned, hazardous materials play a vital part in the lives of nearly all Americans. Few of us can go through a day without coming into contact in some way; with these materials.



Slide 90 Manufacturing plants throughout the country produce large quantities of hazardous materials



TIME	CONTENT/METHODOLOGY	MATERIALS
25 min.	<p>STEP 3-<u>Individualized Activity-</u> <u>Mission and Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Discuss the mission of the students' organizations.</i></li> </ul> <p>Have the students turn to page 11-6 of the Student Manual. Read the first question to the students.</p> <p><b>What is the mission of your organization?</b></p> <p>Let the students answer by writing their thoughts in the space provided on the questionnaire. Discuss the answer and try to form a consensus, if you can. Let some of the students read their answers. Try to bring out the following points from the students' answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Protect life and property.</b></li> <li>• <b>Do the above safely.</b></li> </ul> <li>• <i>Discuss how the student's organizations accomplish that mission.</i></li> <p>Read Question 2 to the students.</p> <p>How does your organization accomplish that mission?</p> <p>Let the students answer by writing their thoughts in the space provided on the questionnaire sheet. Discuss the answer and try to form a consensus, if you can. Let some of the students read their answers. Try to bring out the following points from the students' answers:</p> <p><b>Prevention activities---</b> to stop emergency from happening.</p> <p><b>Preparedness activities---</b> to get ready for the eventual emergency.</p> <p><b>Response activities---</b> actual handling of the emergency.</p> <p><b>Recovery activities---</b> getting your act back together after the emergency.</p>	<p>Student Manual p. 11-6</p> <p>Slide 156</p> <p>Slide 157</p>

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TIME	CONTENT/METHODOLOGY	MATERIALS
25 min.	<p>STEP 4 —_Interactive Lecture—</p> <p><u>Course Goals, Objectives, Scope, and Limitations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Explain the reasons why studying hazardous materials is important for emergency response personnel.</i></li><li>• <b>They are first on the scene of emergencies.</b></li><li>• <b>Everyone expects them to handle emergencies during the first critical minutes.</b></li><li>• <b>Emergencies can happen in any community at any time.</b></li><li>• <b>Their regular training is not always suitable for hazardous material emergencies.</b></li></ul> <li>• <i>Comment briefly on the goals of the course.</i></li> <p><b>How do you know you are going to make a difference before you act in a hazardous material emergency?</b></p> <p>As stated in the beginning, the <b>purpose of this course</b> is to teach you how to predict what is likely to happen with hazardous materials, before you act.</p> <p><b>A problem properly defined is half solved.</b> Emphasize that this is an EMERGENCY ANALYSIS course, teaching problem definition for emergencies involving hazardous materials. This course emphasizes how to analyze the emergency to <i>define the emergency</i> problem-not how to solve the problem. That is taught in another course.</p> <p>An analytical method that will help you define the problem is called “Events Analysis.”</p> <p>Using events analysis, we will emphasize two key skill areas in this course.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Detecting hazardous material in emergencies. Before we react to a hazardous material emergency, we <u>have to first know they are present</u> in the emergency.</li><li>2. <i>Estimating</i> the likely harm that will occur if we do nothing. You <u>have to know what the problem is before you decide what you are going to do about it.</u> This Course will deal with five Important questions. These questions are:</li></ol>	Sample Introductory Comments IC II-11



TIME	CONTENT/METHODOLOGY	MATERIALS
30 min.	<p>STEP <u>Z-Lecture with Slides-</u>  <u>Present the D.E.C.I.D.E. Process</u></p> <p>1 <i>Introduce and List the D.E.C.I.D.E. Steps.</i></p> <p><b>Decisionmaking for emergencies involving hazardous materials calls for emergency response personnel to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Detect hazardous material presence.</b></li> <li><b>Estimate likely harm without intervention.</b></li> <li><b>choose response objectives.</b></li> <li><b>Identify action options.</b></li> <li><b>Do the best option.</b></li> <li><b>Evaluate progress.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Make note of the acronym, D.E.C.I.D.E.</b></p> <p>1 <i>Discuss the D.E.C.I.D.E. Steps in Detail.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Detect hazardous material presence.</b></li> <li>• Critical in any emergency!</li> <li>• If you are not aware that a hazardous material is present, how can you respond positively' to that emergency?</li> <li>• Various clues are available to assist you in detecting the presence of hazardous materials (we will discuss them in the next unit).</li> <li>• <b>Estimate likely harm without intervention.</b></li> <li>• A difficult but indispensable step.</li> <li>• If you don't know what is likely to happen, how can you figure out what it is you need to do?</li> </ul>	<p>Slide 168</p> <p>Slide 169</p> <p>Slide 170</p>

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Slide 188 Local health departments often have poisons and flammable materials on the shelves.



Slide 189 High school chemistry labs have a wide range of hazardous materials.



Slide 190 Construction sites may use blasting agents or explosives,



Slide 191 This is why pre-emergency planning is important. Emergency response personnel should know their community-including the transportation facilities that serve it-well enough to know where hazardous materials are likely to be found.



Slide 192 Secondly, you can use Container shapes.



Slide 193 The Department of Transportation regulates the packaging used in the transportation of hazardous materials. Other nationally recognized codes include safety standards for bulk storage container.



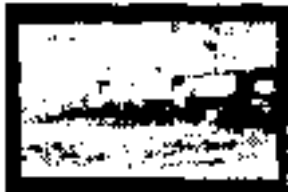
Slide 194 Packaging for hazardous materials can be divided into three categories: bulk storage containers; bulk transport vehicles; and small packages such as drums, cartons, and cylinders.



Slide 195 By noting container shapes and relating that shape to known contents in planning and inspection activities, emergency response personnel can have another clue to the presence of hazardous materials.



Slide 196 Stationary storage tanks in a variety of sizes and shapes are found throughout the community.



Slide 197 Rail tank cars can be pressurized or non-pressurized. For pressurized tank cars, the fittings on the manway are totally enclosed. On nonpressurized tank cars, the fittings and emergency relief devices are visible.



TIME	CONTENT/METHODOLOGY	MATERIALS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sources for identifying hazardous materials in transportation.</li> <li>• Shipping papers.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proper shipping name of material; Identification number.</li> <li>• Caution students about Not Otherwise Specified (NOS) shipments; Standard Transportation Commodity Code number by rail can identify specific material in N.O.S. category.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Markings and colors.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification numbers.</li> <li>• Distance proximity to read numerals (less than 300 feet without binoculars).</li> <li>• Only for tank car, tank truck, and portable tank shipments.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Slide 316
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sources for identifying hazardous materials in fixed facilities.</li> <li>• Markings and Colors (names stenciled on containers).</li> <li>• Pre-Emergency Planning (Identify the materials handled).</li> </ul> <p>In any case, write down the information. Do not rely on your memory.</p>	Slide 317
	<p>Spell the name of the material correctly. Note the difference between ethanol and ethanal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethanol-Clear, colorless liquid. Aromatic odor. Flash point of 59°F.</li> </ul>	Slide 318

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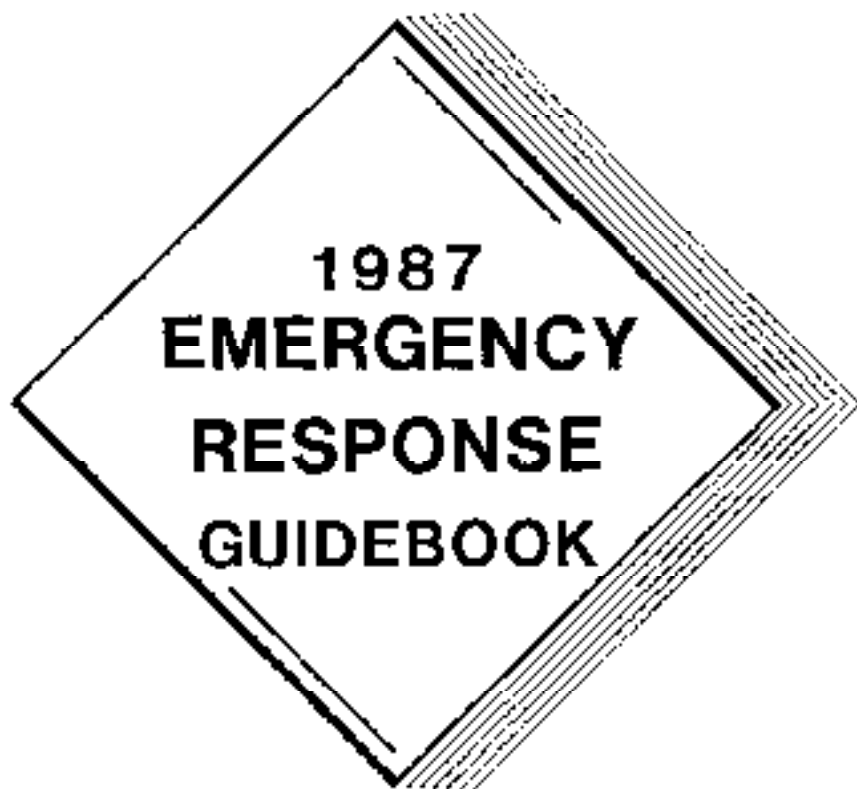
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## **Appendix K**

Excerpts from 1987 DOT Emergency Response Guidebook

DOT P 5800.4



**GUIDEBOOK**  
FOR  
INITIAL RESPONSE TO  
HAZARDOUS  
MATERIALS  
INCIDENTS

**READ INSTRUCTIONS  
ON FIRST PAGE**





**POTENTIAL HAZARDS**

is.  
o skin and eyes.  
or poisonous gases.  
dilution water may cause pollution.

le materials (wood, paper, oil, etc)  
violent.

**EMERGENCY ACTION**

away: isolate hazard area and deny entry.  
apparatus (SCBA) and structural firefighter- S protective  
ted protection  
**00-424-9300 FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.** If Water  
he appropriate authorities.

CO<sub>2</sub>. Halon or water spray  
or fog.  
rea if you can do It without risk  
xposed to flames with water from the side until well after  
m ends of tanks.  
rea, use unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles.

ial.  
paper, oil, etc.) away from splited material.  
an shovel place material into clean, dry container and  
rom spill area  
d of liquid spill for later disposal

all emergency medical care  
inaed clothing and shoes at the site  
erial, immediately flush skin or eyes with running water

**POTENTIAL HAZARDS**

**FIRE OR EXPLOSION**

May ignite other combustible materials (wood, paper, 011, etc).  
Mixture with fuels may explode.  
Container may explode In heat of fire.  
May explode from heat or contamination.  
Runoff to sewer may create fire or explosion hazard.

**HEALTH HAZARDS**

Contact may cause burns to skin and eyes.  
Fire may produce irritating or poisonous gases.  
Runoff from fire control or dilution water may cause pollution.

**EMERGENCY ACTION**

Keep unnecessary people away: Isolate hazard area and deny entry.  
Stay upwind: keep out of low areas.  
Self contained breathing apparatus and chemical protective clothing which is specifically recommended by the shipper or producer may be worn but they do not provide thermal protection unless it is stated by the clothing manufacturer. Structural firefighter's protective clothing is not effective with these materials. Fully encapsulated protective clothing should be worn for spills and leaks with no fire.  
**CALL CHEMTREC AT 1-800-424-9300 FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.** If water pollution occurs, notify the appropriate authorities.

**FIRE**

Small Fires: Dry chemical, CO<sub>2</sub>, Halon, water spray or standard foam.  
Large Fires: Water spray, fog or standard foam is recommended.  
Do not move cargo or vehicle if cargo has been exposed to heat.  
Cool containers that are exposed to flames with water from the side until well after fire is out. Stay away from ends of tanks.  
For massive fire in cargo area, use unmanned hose holder or monitor nozzles If this is impossible, withdraw from area and let fire burn

**SPILL OR LEAK**

Keep combustibles (wood, paper, oil, etc ) away from spilled material  
Do not touch spilled material: stop) leak If you can do It without risk.  
Use water spray to reduce vapors.  
Small Spills: Take up with sand or other noncombustible absorbent material and place into containers for later disposal  
Large Spills: Dike liquid spill for later disposal

**FIRST AID**

Move victim to fresh air, call emergency medical care  
Remove and isolate contaminated clothing and shoes at the site  
In case of contact with material, immediately flush skin or eyes with running water for at least 15 minutes

**POTENTIAL HAZARDS**

**FIRE OR EXPLOSION**

May explode and throw fragments 1/3 mile or more if fire reaches cargo area

**HEALTH HAZARDS**

Fire may produce irritating or poisonous gases

**EMERGENCY ACTION**

In case of fire stop all traffic and begin to clear the area for 2500 feet (1/2 mile) 111 all directions.

Keep unnecessary people away.

Do not fight fire in cargo. Try to prevent a fire from reaching the explosive cargo compartment.

Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and structural firefighter's protective clothing will provide limited protection

CALL CHEMTREC AT 1-800-424-9300 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, especially If there is no local hazardous materials team available.

**FIRE**

**Truck and Equipment Fires:** Flood with water; if no water is available use Halon, dry chemical or dirt, CAUTION Tire fires may start again. Unhook and separate tractor from trailer if possible

**Cargo Fires:** Do not move cargo or vehicle if cargo has been exposed to heat. Do not fight fire when it reaches cargo. Withdraw from area and let fire burn.

Promptly isolate the scene by removing **all persons** from the vicinity of the incident if there is a fire. First, move people out of line-of-sight of the scene and away from windows. Obtain more information and specific guidance from competent authorities who may be listed on the shipping paper-s

If you know or suspect that heavily-encased Class A explosives, such as bombs or artillery projectiles, are being exposed to heat or flames, expand the Isolation area in all directions to 4000 feet (3/4 mile) for a Tractor/Trailer load. 5000 feet (1 mile) for a Railcar load.

**SPILL OR LEAK**

Shut off ignition sources: no flares, smoking or flames in hazard area

Do not touch spilled material.

**FIRST AID**

Call emergency medical care

Use first aid treatment according to the nature of the injury.

**POTENTIAL**

**FIRE OR EXPLOSION**

May Ignite other combustible material

Mixture with fuels may explode

Flammable/poisonous gases may

Container may explode in heat of fire

May explode from friction heat or cold

Runoff to sewer may create fire or ext

**HEALTH HAZARDS**

If Inhaled, may be harmful

Contact causes severe burns to skin a

Fire may produce irritating or poisonous

Runoff from fire control or dilution way

**EMERGENCY**

Keep unnecessary people away: isolat

Stay upwind: keep out of low area.

Self-contained breathing apparatus

clothing will provide limited protective

**CALL CHEMTREC AT 1-800-424-9300**

pollution occurs, notify the appropriate

**FIRE**

Small Fires: Water only: no dry them

**Large Fires:** Flood fire area with water

Do not move cargo or vehicle of cargo

Cool containers that are exposed to fl

fire is out Stay away from ends of

For massive fire 111 cargo area use of

this is Impossible, withdraw from are

**SPILL OR LEAK**

Keep combustibles (wood, paper, oil c

Do not touch spilled material, stop leaf

Use water spray to reduce vapors

Small Spills: Flush area with floodng

**Large Spills:** Dike liquid spill for later

**FIRST AID**

Move victim to fresh air and call emerg

titfclal respiration. If breathing is different

Remove and isolate contaminated cloth

In case of contact with material net

for at least 15 nilnutes

Keep victim quiet and maintain normal



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1015	76	BUTYLPROPANE	1038	36	BIS (DIETHYL AMINO) METHANE	1056	15	HEAVY BROMINE and HCl FLAMMABLE COMPRESSED GAS MIXTURE	1085	5	
1016	54	DICHLOROETHYLENE	1039	38	DIPROPHANE				1084	7	
1017	26	DIMETHYL SULFIDE, (see 1019)	1040	31	AMMONIUM CHLORIDE, (see 1042, 1043, 1045)	1057	15	ORGANIC PHOSPHORUS COMPOUND, (see 1058)	1083	4	
1018	28	GLYCEROL	1041	31	AMMONIUM CHLORIDE with organic bases	1058	15	PENTACHLOROEDIBROMIDE	1082	4	
1019	28	ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL	1042	32	MAGNESIUM	1059	15	PHOSPHORUS TRIFLUORIDE	1081	5	
1020	27	INDANE	1043	32	MAGNESIUM, (see 1042)	1060	15	POISONOUS LIQUID or GAS (see 1061)	1080	8	
1021	29	PROPANEDIOL, (see 1023)	1044	33	MAGNESIUM, (see 1042)	1061	15	TETRAFLUOROAMIDE	1079	8	
1022	29	PROPANE	1045	31	AMMONIUM CHLORIDE with organic bases	1062	17	ACETYLENE	1078	17	
1023	29	PROPANEDIOL	1046	32	MAGNESIUM	1063	19	COMBUSTIBLE GAS (see 1064)	1077	17	
1024	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1047	21	ACRYLONITRILE	1064	19	HEXAMETHYLDISILANE	1076	17	
1025	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE, (see 1024)	1048	19	DIALLYL SULFIDE-CARBON DIOXIDE MIXTURE with organic bases	1065	17	NONFLAMMABLE GAS (see 1066)	1075	17	
1026	40	METHYLENE DIAMINE	1049	18	COMBUSTIBLE GAS (see 1044, 1050, 1056)	1066	17	ETHYLENE	1074	22	
1027	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE, (see 1024)	1050	18	COMBUSTIBLE GAS (see 1044, 1056)	1067	17	ETHYLENE SULFIDE	1073	22	
1028	37	CALCIUM CHLORIDE	1051	18	COMBUSTIBLE GAS (see 1044, 1056)	1068	22	METHANE	1072	22	
1029	37	CALCIUM HYDROXIDE	1052	21	ACRYLONITRILE	1069	22	ETHANE	1071	22	
1030	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1053	19	DIALLYL SULFIDE-CARBON DIOXIDE MIXTURE with organic bases	1070	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1031	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1054	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1071	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1032	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1055	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1072	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1033	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1056	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1073	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1034	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1057	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1074	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1035	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1058	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1075	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1036	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1059	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1076	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1037	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1060	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1077	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1038	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1061	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1078	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1039	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1062	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1079	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1040	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1063	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1080	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1041	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1064	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1081	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1042	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1065	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1082	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1043	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1066	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1083	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1044	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1067	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1084	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1045	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1068	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1085	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1046	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1069	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1086	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1047	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1070	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1087	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1048	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1071	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1088	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1049	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1072	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1089	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1050	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1073	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1090	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1051	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1074	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1091	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1052	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1075	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1092	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1053	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1076	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1093	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1054	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1077	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1094	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1055	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1078	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1095	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1056	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1079	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1096	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1057	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1080	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1097	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1058	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1081	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1098	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1059	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1082	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1099	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1060	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1083	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1100	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1061	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1084	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1101	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1062	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1085	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1102	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1063	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1086	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1103	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1064	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1087	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1104	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1065	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1088	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1105	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1066	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1089	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1106	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1067	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1090	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1107	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1068	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1091	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1108	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1069	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1092	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1109	22	ETHANE	1070	22	
1070	40	ETHYLENE DIAMINE	1093	22	ETHYLBENZENE	1110	22	ETHANE	1070	22	

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The UN Class (or Division) number may be displayed at the bottom of a placard or label, or on a shipping paper after the listed shipping name(s).

#### HAZARD CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

UN numbers may be displayed at the bottom of placards or description on shipping papers. In certain cases, this replace the written name of the hazard class in the shipping name and Division numbers have the following meanings:

##### Explosives

Explosives with a mass explosion hazard  
 Explosives with a projection hazard  
 Explosives with predominantly a fire hazard  
 Explosives with no significant blast hazard  
 Insensitive explosives

##### Inflammable gases

Inflammable gases  
 Non-flammable gases  
 Poison gases  
 Toxic gases (Canadian)

##### Flammable liquids

Flashpoint below -18°C (0°F)  
 Flashpoint -18°C and above but less than 23°C (73°F)  
 Flashpoint of 23°C and up to 61°C (141°F)

##### Flammable solids; Spontaneously combustible materials;

##### Materials that are dangerous when wet

Inflammable solids  
 Spontaneously combustible materials  
 Materials that are dangerous when wet

##### Inorganic and Organic peroxides

Peroxidizers  
 Organic peroxides

##### Toxic and Etiologic (infectious) materials

Toxic materials  
 Etiologic (infections) materials

##### Corrosive materials

##### Radioactive materials

Radioactive hazardous materials

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0004	46	AMMONIUM PICRATE, dry or wetted with less than 10% water	015	12	CARBON DIOXIDE-NITROUS OXIDE MIXTURE
0222	46	AMMONIUM NITRATE FERTILIZER, with not more than 2% of combustible material	016	18	CARBON MONOXIDE
0223	46	AMMONIUM NITRATE FERTILIZER, which is more likely to explode than UN0222	1017	20	CHLORINE*
0357	46	SUBSTANCES EXPLOSIVE	1018	12	CHLORODIFLUOROMETHANE
0358	46	SUBSTANCES, EXPLOSIVE	1020	12	CHLOROPENTAFLUOROETHANE
0359	46	SUBSTANCES, EXPLOSIVE	1021	12	CHLOROTETRAFLUOROETHANE
0402	46	AMMONIUM PERCHLORATE, average particle size of less than 45 microns	1022	12	CHLOROTRIFLUOROMETHANE
1001	17	ACETYLENE	1022	12	TRIFLUOROCHLOROMETHANE
1001	17	ACETYLENE, dissolved	1023	18	COAL GAS
1007	12	AIR, compressed	1026	18	CYANOGEN
1003	23	AIR, refrigerated liquid (cryogenic liquid)	1026	18	CYANOGEN, liquefied*
1005	15	AMMONIA*	1027	22	CYCLOPROPANE
1005	15	AMMONIA, ANHYDROUS, liquefied*	1027	22	CYCLOPROPANE, liquefied
1005	15	ANHYDROUS AMMONIA	1028	12	DKHLORODIFLUOROMETHANE
1006	12	ARGON, compressed	1029	12	DICHLOROFLUOROMETHANE
1008	15	BORON TRIFLUORIDE*	1029	12	DICHLOROMONOFLUOROMETHANE
1009	12	BROMOTRIFLUOROMETHANE	1030	22	DIFLUOROETHANE
1010	17	BUTADIENE, inhibited	1032	19	DIMETHYLAMINE, anhydrous *
1011	22	BUTANE or BUTANE MIXTURE	1033	22	DIMETHYL ETHER
1012	22	BUTENE	1035	22	ETHANE compressed
1012	22	BUTYLENE	1036	68	ETHYLAMINE
1013	21	CARBON DIOXIDE	1036	68	MONOETHYLAMINE
1014	14	CARBON DIOXIDE-OXYGEN MIXTURE	1031	27	ETHYL CHLORIDE
			1038	22	ETHYLENE, cryogenic liquid
			1038	22	ETHYLENE, liquid (refrigerated)
			1039	26	ETHYL METHYL ETHER
			1039	26	METHYL ETHYL ETHER

look for information next to this **NAME** in the TABLE OF EVACUATION DISTANCES in the back of this book, Use this in addition to the Guide Page If there is NO FIRE

## **Appendix L**

Material Safety Data Sheet on  
Ammonium Nitrate/Fuel Oil Mixture

5/02/88

**SECTION I - PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION**

Trade Name: ALANFO Series

Chemical Name: Mixture

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Synonyms: ANFO, IREMIX, IREMIX 180, 183, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190

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product Appearance & Odor: Oily, cream colored prill with fuel oil odor,

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DOT Hazard Class: Blasting Agent

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**SECTION II - HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS**

Ingredients:	Cas#	%	TLV
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Ingredients as used in this product are not hazardous as defined under current Department of Labor Regulations.

**SECTION III - PHYSICAL DATA**

Boiling Point: NA

Vapor Pressure: -1.5,mm Hg @ 75°

Vapor Density:

&gt;1

Specific Gravity:

.83 to .95

Percent Volatile by Volume:

6%

Evaporation Rate (Butyl Acetate - 1)

&lt;1

Solubility in Water

Appreciable

**SECTION IV - FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA**

Flash Point: NA

Flammable Limits: NA

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Extinguishing Media:

&gt;100°

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Special Fire Fighting Procedures:

Fires involving explosive materials should not be fought.  
Evacuate personnel to a safe location up wind of the fire.  
Burning material may produce toxic vapors.

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Unusual Fire and Explosion Hazards:

Can explode under fire conditions.

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### **SECTION V - HEALTH HAZARD DATA**

#### Effects of Overexposure

Eyes

May cause irritation, redness and tearing.

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Skin

Prolonged contact may cause irritation.

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Ingestion

Large amounts may be harmful if swallowed.

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Inhalation

May cause dizziness, nausea, intestinal upset.

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Systemic or other effects

Undetermined,

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#### Emergency and First Aid Procedures

Eyes

Irrigate with running water for at least 15 minutes.  
If irritation persists, seek medical attention.

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Skin

Wash with soap and water.

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Ingestion

Induce vomiting, seek medical attention.

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Inhalation

Remove to fresh air.

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Special Considerations

None.

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### **SECTION VI - REACTIVITY DATA**

Stability: Stable

Conditions to Avoid: Keep away from heat,  
or open flame.

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Materials to Avoid (Incompatibility):

Strong alkali or strong acid.

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Hazardous Decomposition Products:

CO, NO<sub>x</sub>

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Hazardous

Polymerization May not occur.

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Conditions to Avoid:

N/A

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**SECTION VII SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES**

Steps to be taken in Case Material is Released or Spilled:  
Protect from heat, sparks and open flame.

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**Waste Disposal Method:**

Dispose of in accordance with Federal, State and local regulations.  
Consult manufacturer for best disposal method.

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**SECTION VIII - SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION****Ventilation:**

General room ventilation is normally adequate.

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**Respiratory Protection**

None normally required.

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**Protective Clothing:**

Gloves and work clothing which reduce skin contact are suggested,

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**Eye Protection:**

Safety glasses are suggested.

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**Other Precautions Required:**

None.

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**SECTION IX - SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS**

Precautions to be taken in handling & storage:

Store in compliance with all local, State and Federal regulations.

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**Other Precautions:**

Explosive material. Keep away from heat, sparks and open flame.

**Disclaimer**

The statements contained herein are offered for information purposes only and are intended only for persons having related technical skills. Because conditions and manner of use are outside our control, it is the user's responsibility to determine the conditions of safe use of the product.

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**Appendix M**

Hazardous Material SOP for Kansas City, Missouri,  
at Time of Explosion



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This is the Standard Operating Procedures for the Kansas City, Missouri Fire Department for the handling of hazardous materials. The SOP will go into effect this date and will only be superceded by further orders from the Fire Chief and Administrative Deputy Chief.

It is mandatory that ALL PERSONNEL follow this SOP to protect themselves, fellow fire fighters and civilians.

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### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this manual is to provide a uniform guideline to assist personnel engaged in responding to a Hazardous Materials Incident.

To a large extent, it is based on current procedures and is designed to cover the conditions prior to and after the incident.

This manual can be used to train all existing personnel and any future personnel.

Some mandatory statements are included in this manual and are identified with the words "will" and "shall".

All comments and suggested revisions should be made to the Fire Department Fire Chief/Director and/or Administrative Deputy Chief.

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### 2. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

The guidance provided here focuses on the contingency plan and the Fire Departments responsibility in the command and control of an incident involving Hazardous Materials. Especially, the guidance outlines department policy, assigns responsibilities to fire personnel, and identified areas and equipment to be used in a Hazardous Material incident. This document is not intended to be used as a steady fast rule, but as a guideline of procedure.

The procedures and guidelines within this manual apply to all the Fire Personnel.

Any and all other technical personnel and documents should be used.

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### 3. MISSION

The primary mission of the Fire Department is to protect the life, health and safety of all the citizens within the K.C. City Limits and to provide any assistance to other areas as is deemed necessary.

This is accomplished through the implementation of procedures to handle unplanned and/or unauthorized incidents involving the release or potential release of any harmful or potentially harmful substance.

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### 4. POLICY

The Fire Department Policy pertaining to the implementation of the cities contingency plan shall be:

- A. To receive all calls pertaining to Hazardous Materials.
- B. Respond to the incident scene.
- C. Evaluate the situation.
- D. Engage in measures to bring incident under control.
- E. Use the assistance of other agencies.
- F. To train and equip all personnel of the Fire Department to insure a safe professional and efficient operation during emergencies.

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5. NOTIFICATION

Upon receiving a call concerning a Hazardous Material incident, the dispatcher will obtain answers to as many questions on FD 100 as is possible.

He/she will dispatch the proper amount of equipment and manpower to initially handle the incident, such as: 1 Chief, 2 pumpers, and 1 truck.

He/she will convey by radio, as the companies are enroute, such information as amount and type of material involved, type and size of container, wind direction and speed, if on fire or if a spill, if injury is involved, whether police are on scene.

He/she will alert the Deputy Chief and the Training School of the situation.

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### 6. EVALUATION AND INITIATION OF ACTION

1. When the first officer (Captain or Chief) arrive they will:
  - A. Evaluate the situation.
  - B. Put on full protective gear and see that all others are suited up. Including:
    1. Mask
    2. Boots
    3. Coat
    4. Helmet
    5. Gloves
  - C. Initiate the "First Steps to take in a Hazardous Materials Incident". This is anything pertaining to the type of material involved.
  - D. Obtain as much information on material as possible such as:
    1. Placards - Labels
    2. Shipping papers
    3. Involvement
    4. Exposures
    5. Special equipment needed
    6. Advice needed
    7. Assistance needed
    - a. Request command vehicle, if needed
  - E. Advise other responding units of the situation and precautions to be taken.
  - F. Notify dispatcher by radio of situation and action taken.
  - G. If situation warrants it he will set up a command post.
  - H. Advise the higher ranking officer of actions taken.
  - I. Assist the incident commander by advising of progress being made and/or any changes in situation.

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#### II. ON SITE ACTIVITIES

The incident commander being the highest ranking officer will do the following

- A. Take charge of the incident command post.
- B. Request any assistance from other agencies he deems necessary.
- C. Request traffic control and evacuation of personnel from exposure area, from the P.D. and media.
- D. Request any emergency medical needed. Request decontamination team, if needed.
- E. Request the contingency plan be implemented, if situation warrants.
- F. Set up a secondary command post in a safe area.
- G. Set up a staging area for relief and decontamination purposes.
- H. Request any other assistance needed.
- I. Report by radio to the dispatcher and City Emergency Preparedness progress reports.
- J. Provide Fire Personnel to assist in accountability of people evacuated.
- K. Provide personnel and equipment until the situation has been cleared up.
- L. Compile reports from all agencies:
  1. These reports may be used for training and evaluation of operation.



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7. EQUIPMENT ON COMMAND VEHICLE

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### 8. TYPES OF REPORTS

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### 9. LIST OF AGENCIES

#### AGENCIES

Police Department  
Chemtrec  
Public Works  
Power and Light  
Gas Service Company  
Health Department  
E.P.A. (State and Federal)  
Shipper  
Consignee  
Media  
Emergency Preparedness  
Emergency Medical  
Salvation Army  
Red Cross  
Local Contractors

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

Traffic Control and Evacuation  
Advise  
Dyking materials  
Ignition Source Elimination  
Ignition Source Elimination  
Monitoring  
Monitoring  
Advise  
Advise  
Evacuation and Information  
Contingency Plan  
First Aid  
Care of Evacuated  
Care of Evacuated  
Machinery

## **Appendix N**

### List of Slides/Photographs

NOTE: Photographs included with this report are Slide 12 (trailer) and aerial photograph H9 (view of site).

All other photos and slides are included with USFA official file copies.

### List of Slides

The slides listed below were taken in the Kansas City area shortly after the incident by Jack Yates. All also are available as photographs.

<u>Slide Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	View of typical Type 5 mobile magazine as seen from the right front corner. It is enclosed in chain link fence with gates at both ends. This is a smaller, single axle trailer but a tandem axle would also fit in the enclosure.
12	Type 5 mobile magazine as seen from the right rear corner. Note the built up earthen berm to the left of the magazine in accordance with ATF regulations.
10	View of rear door of the magazine with placards down. The left placard is the only one that would apply to the contents shown -- blasting agents. The center placard is for class A explosives; this to be opened when this magazine is carrying this substance.
11	Latch mechanism and lock for the mobile magazine. The latch appears to be similar to the type commonly seen on freight trailers. The lock is a heavy-duty type.
3	View of a lock and disabling mechanism on the king pin of the trailer, preventing one from simply backing under it and towing it away.
7	Interior of Type 5 mobile magazine. Construction and makeup of the magazine is as that of a standard freight trailer with the exception of vents at the front and rear. Ammonium nitrate/fuel oil mixture sacks, 50 pounds in size, are stored inside this magazine.
5	Closer view of storage sacks. Maynes Mix 1 is the manufacturer's trade name. Other manufacturers will have their own name. The yellow diagonal in the lower left corner of the sack identifies this as a blasting agent.

- 16 View of a Type 2 magazine for high explosives. It is portable to the extent that it can be moved from site to site, but it is not on wheels and is of much heavier construction. Note earthen berms built around it.
- 15 Closer view of Type,2 magazine. Double locks for this magazine are protected under the steel hoods on the left side of the door.
- 13 Thick, double steel side wall construction of the Type 2 magazine is shown. High-level explosives are seen stored inside.
- 18 Type 4 magazines for low explosives are shown in this view. These magazines are smaller than the Type 2 previously shown, but are still of very heavy construction and are basically similar in material/design makeup.
- 19 Side view of one of the Type 4 magazines. This shows a dark spot where someone fired a shot at the unit. The bullet did not penetrate the outer material.
- 20 The Type 2 and 4 magazines are properly distanced from one another. The Type 2 magazines are beyond the crest of the hill several hundred feet from these Type 4 magazines.

## List of Aerial Photographs

The photographs listed below were provided by the Kansas City Fire Department.

<u>Photograph</u>	<u>Description</u>
H1*	View of fire after first explosion
H2*	View of site from helicopter after daybreak - from west to east
H3	View of site from helicopter after daybreak - from southwest to northeast
H4	View of site from helicopter after daybreak - from south/southwest to north/northeast
H5	View of site from helicopter after daybreak - from south to north
H6	View of site from helicopter after daybreak - from south to north
H7	View of site from helicopter after daybreak - from southeast to northwest
H8	View of site from helicopter after daybreak - from east/southeast to west/northwest
H9*	View of site from helicopter after daybreak - from east to west
H10	View of site from helicopter after daybreak - from northeast to southwest
H11	View of site from helicopter after daybreak - from northeast to west/southwest
H12	View of site from helicopter after daybreak - from northeast to west - further north of explosion site

\* - Photos made into slides



*Best available image*





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