

EXPLOSIVES
SAFETY AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS MANUAL

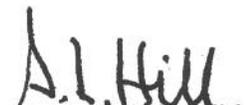
1. Purpose. This manual prescribes the safety and health requirements for all Corps of Engineers activities and operations that involve explosives related work.
2. Applicability. This manual applies to HQUSACE elements, major subordinate commands, districts, laboratories, and field operating activities (FOA).
3. References. See Appendix A.
4. General.
 - a. The provisions of this manual implement and supplement safety and health standards and requirements contained in the references listed in Appendix A. Where more stringent safety and occupational health standards are set forth in these requirements and regulations, the more stringent standards shall apply.
 - b. Mission applicability, introduced in paragraph 2 above, shall include the following:
 - (1) All Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) work.
 - (2) All Munitions Constituents (MC) work.
 - (3) Construction/Deconstruction work involving the use of explosives.
 - (4) Design and construction of explosives facilities.
 - (5) Laboratory (R&D) activities.

c. Waivers. Within the Corps of Engineers, waivers to provision of this manual require the approval of the Chief of Safety and Occupational Health, HQUSACE, unless otherwise specified. A waiver is a written authority that permits temporary deviation from standards for strategic or compelling reasons. A waiver shall be substantiated with a hazard analysis of the activity, documented, and forwarded through channels to the Chief of Safety and Occupational Health, HQUSACE.

d. Exceptions. Some of the technical requirements of this manual may not always be applicable to overseas activities due to conflicting circumstances, practices, and laws or regulations of the locality or the unavailability of equipment. In such instances, means other than the ones specified in this manual may be used to achieve the required protection. When this occurs, a hazard analysis must be made to document that the required protection will be achieved by the alternate means.

e. Unless otherwise indicated, when publications are referenced in this manual, the most recent edition is to be used.

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