



Global EOD Conference and Exhibition

U.S. DoD Unexploded Ordnance Panel

Military Munitions Topics

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Army Mission



Fight and win our Nation's wars by providing prompt, sustained land dominance across the full range of military operations and spectrum of conflict in support of combatant Commanders.



Requires the Army to
“train as it fights.”



EPA MILITARY MUNITIONS RULE (MR)



- MR - Part 266, Subpart M of Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations
- DoD Policy
 - Current – DoD Munitions Rule Implementation Policy (1998)
 - Pending – DoDM 4715.ab, DoD Military Munitions Rule (MR) Implementation Procedures
- Primary EOD responsibilities are addressed in Enclosure 3, “Procedures,” paragraph 9, “Responses to Explosives or Munitions Emergencies”



Explosives or Munitions Emergencies



- Identification of a Level 1 or 2 is a matter of DoD policy - does not reflect a regulatory distinction
- On-site explosives or munitions emergency response specialist determines the level
 - Level 1 exempt from federal hazardous waste management generator, transporter, and permitting requirements - both on and off DoD installations
 - Explosives or munitions emergency response specialists who may declare, conduct, or terminate Level 1 for DoD are EOD personnel



Other Matters



- Planned Munitions Responses
 - Governed by applicable environmental laws
 - Supported by USACE, NAVFAC, or UXO Contractors
 - EOD not equipped to perform or experienced at performing munitions responses
 - EOD may respond to an explosives or munitions emergency that occur during a planned response
- Range Clearance Activities
 - May be supported by EOD
 - Not regulated



Other Other Matters



- Recovered Chemical Warfare Material (RCWM) Program
 - SECARMY is DoD's Executive Agent
 - Scope - Munitions containing an unknown liquid fill, material of interest containing a Chemical Weapons Convention scheduled chemical fill, and chemical agent identification sets
 - Policy, pending DoD issuance, is 1 Apr 09 Interim Guidance for CWM Responses
- 3Rs (Recognize, Retreat, Report) Explosives Safety Education Program



Explosive Safety Education



- Education is an integral part of risk management
- Focus on preventing behaviors (touching, moving or disturbing) that may lead to injury
- Guiding principles:
 - Consistency of message
 - Munitions are dangerous
 - Easy to remember by all ages
 - Easily and rapidly disseminated to affected communities
 - Standardize Materials
 - Targeted Materials





Explosive Safety Education

(www.denix.osd.mil/uxo)



3Rs Explosives Safety Program “Outreach Toolbox,” includes among others educational material:

- **3Rs Guide - Military Families**
- **3Rs Guide - Outdoor Recreation**
- **3Rs Guide - Recycling Industry**
- **3Rs Guide - Wildland Firefighting**
- **3Rs Poster - Scrap Yard**
- **3Rs Poster – Souvenir**

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