

DoD Replaces 6055.09M with Defense Explosive Safety Regulation 6055.09

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Washington, D.C. The Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board (DDESB) released Defense Explosives Safety Regulation (DESR) 6055.09, to replace DoD 6055.09-M, *DoD Ammunition and Explosives Safety Standards*.

Changes to the old Volume 7, now titled *UXO, Munitions Response, Waste Military Munitions, and MPPEH* incorporates some interesting new requirements for DoD Components. Examples include:

- Notifying DDESB and the respective explosive safety offices of "repetitive explosives or munitions emergency responses to a discrete geographic area, where the circumstances surrounding the explosives or munitions emergency response are similar."
- Work "collaboratively with environmental regulators and safety officials toward resolving, in a mutually agreeable manner, any concerns with the planned disposition of UXO during a response action."
- Acknowledging that environmental regulators and safety officials **"may challenge a DoD field expert's decision and seek to elevate their concerns to higher levels of authority for resolution."**
- Disassembly and inerting operations must not be conducted without proper authorization.
- For moderate to high probability UXO sites, before construction is allowed to commence, EOD personnel or UXO-qualified personnel **must attempt to identify and remove any explosive or CA hazards.**
- **Prohibit unnecessary access (e.g., hunting and hiking) under DoD control that are known or suspected to contain UXO.** Note - many installations currently allow hunting on range areas.
- At sites where DoD does not control (e.g., FUDS), "provide written notification to the property owner and, if known, any tenants of the potential explosive and CA hazards present. **A record of this notification must be maintained in permanent records.**"

In addition to condensing the previous 8 Volume manual into one document, new terms and acronyms are introduced (not exactly what the UXO industry needs).

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