



Navy Munitions Response Program — Explosives Safety Audits

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Presentation Overview

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M46 training mine recovered from abandoned training minefield. Photo courtesy of U.S. Navy.



Purpose and Scope



Purpose

 As part of its oversight authority, qualified members of NOSSA N5/N7/ESSOs will selectively audit Navy MR projects

Scope

 Audits of munitions response activities are designed to assess compliance with applicable explosives safety requirements



Projectiles recovered from bay adjacent to Navy family housing. Photo courtesy of U.S. Navy.



Procedures



- Audits follow procedures similar to:
 - OSHA Instruction TED 8.4, "Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP): Policies and Procedures Manual", Appendix F
 - ANSI/ASQC Q10011-1994, "Guidelines for Auditing Quality Systems";
 - "Guidance on Technical Audits and Related Assessments for Environmental Data Operations", EPA QA/G-7
- Draft NAVSEAINST 8020.X, Enclosure 3, "Guidelines for Conducting a Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity Audit" provides guidelines for NOSSA audits and includes sample audit questions



Initiation and Coordination

- An audit will be initiated when:
 - NOSSA N5/N7 determines that an audit is required in order to verify that approved munitions response actions are being adequately completed
 - The project is selected for evaluation as part of the OPNAVINST 8020.14 and NAVSEAINST 8020.14A NOSSA explosives safety oversight program
- Audits will be coordinated with Navy project manager, munitions response program manager of major claimant, and cognizant command



Auditable Documents

- NOSSA audit of munitions response project documents may take place in the field, the project office, or headquarters
- Major document classes subject to the audit:
 - ESS
 - Plans
 - SOPs
 - Other documents addressing explosives safety and environmental requirements





Auditable Field Activities

- Explosives safety practices
- Worker qualifications
- Site safety and health practices
- Environmental protection as it relates to explosives safety
- QA/QC program
- Geophysical investigation, data management, and target re-acquisition
- Intrusive operations
- Soil sampling
- Munitions treatment/disposal operations
- Munitions scrap management
- Land use controls



Audit Report (1)



- Purpose
- Team members
- Areas audited
- Audit plan and checklist
- Methodology
- Discrepancies
- Observations
- Conclusions



Old style general-purpose bomb recovered from a closed bombing range. Photo courtesy of U.S. Navy.



Audit Report (2)

- Generally considered internal to the Navy with limited distribution
- Reports protect business sensitive information (including proprietary data, documents, and personnel records) from unauthorized disclosure
- Dissemination of audit reports will be limited to:
 - CNO
 - Major claimant
 - Cognizant command
 - NAVFACHQ
 - Navy project manager
 - Navy QA manager
 - NOSSA



Practice bomb (with explosive spotting charge) washed ashore a former Navy bombing range. Photo courtesy of U.S. Navy.



Questions



