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SUBJECT: Procedures for Demolition of Multiple Rounds (Consolidated Shots) on Ordnance
and Explosives Sites

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(b) M. Crull and Wayne Shaw, US Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville,
"Procedures for Demolition of Multiple Rounds (Consolidated Shots) on
Ordnance and Explosives (OE) Sites" (August 1998)

The subject procedures forwarded by reference (a) and defined in reference (b) have been
reviewed with respect to explosives safety criteria. Based on the information furnished, the
procedures proposed in reference (b) for the demolition of consolidated ordnance at OE sites are
approved.

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FOREWORD

The terminology in this report has been updated (March 2000) to reflect terminology used in the field. Specifically the term “personnel separation distance” has been replaced with the term “minimum separation distance for intentional detonations.” This is a change in terminology only, no change in content.

Per discussions with Dr. Chester Canada, Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board (DDESB) and Mr. Cliff Doyle, U.S. Army Technical Center for Explosives Safety (USATCES) this report is not re-submitted to the DDESB for approval.

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1.0 Introduction

The U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville (USAESCH) includes the Ordnance and Explosives Center of Expertise (OE-CX). Part of the OE-CX mission is development of procedures for removal and destruction of munitions found on OE sites. Standard procedures are to destroy the munitions by detonation on site. This includes both single round detonation in-place and multiple round detonation (or consolidated shots) at a pre-determined location. The procedures for multiple round detonation are described in this paper.

There are two situations that may describe the consolidated shot process: 1) munitions may be collected from anywhere on site and detonated at a designated, sited disposal area or 2) munitions may be collected within a grid and detonated at a designated spot within the grid. In either situation the same procedures, as described in the following paragraphs, must be followed.

2.0 Placement of Munitions

Munitions shall be placed with their sides touching such that their axis is horizontal as shown in Figure 1. The munitions shall be placed so that the nose of each munition is pointing in the same direction. Munitions shall be oriented so that lugs and/or strong-backs, and nose and/or tail plate sections are facing away from personnel locations.

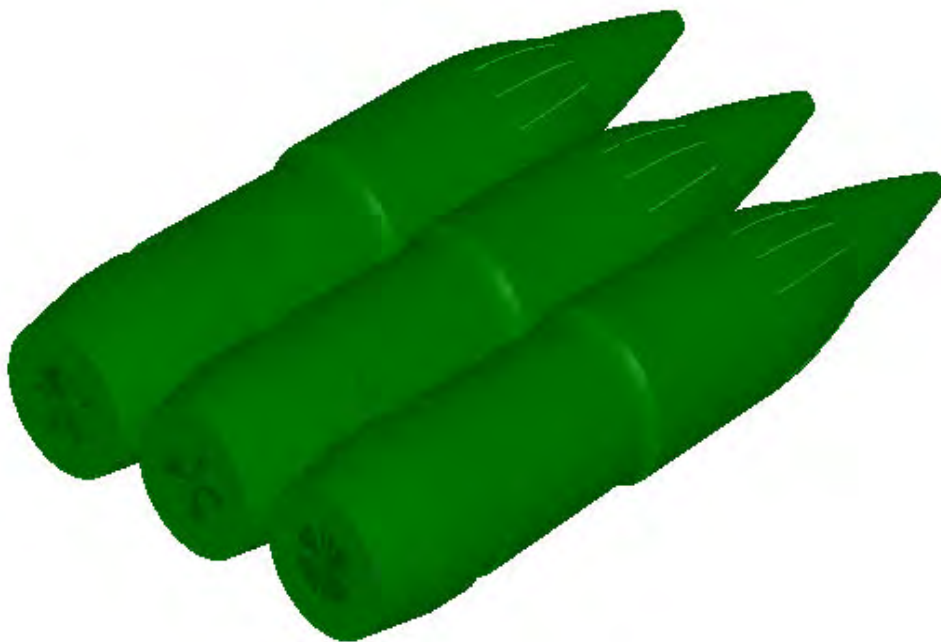


Figure 1 – Placement of Munitions for Consolidated Shots

3.0 Minimum Safe Separation Distance for Intentional Detonations

3.0.1 This document covers procedures for intentional detonations only.

3.0.2 In accordance with DoD 6055.9-STD Chapter 5 paragraph E.4.a(2), the minimum safe separation distance for all personnel will be the greater of the overpressure distance or the appropriate fragment range as determined by the maximum fragment range or the mitigated fragment range.

3.1 Overpressure Distance

In accordance with DoD 6055.9-STD Chapter 5 paragraph E.4.a(2), the allowable overpressure distance will be determined as the scaled distance, K328, based on the total net explosive weight (NEW) of all munitions plus the initiating explosives.

3.2 Fragment Criteria

3.2.1 Maximum Fragment Range

The maximum fragmentation characteristics shall be computed in accordance with HNC-ED-CS-S-98-1. The maximum fragment range shall be computed using these fragmentation characteristics with a trajectory analysis such as the computer software TRAJ. The maximum fragment range shall be the maximum fragmentation distance computed for the most probable munition (MPM) for an OE area at a site, and this shall be the maximum fragment range for a consolidated shot.

3.2.2 Fragment Mitigation

Fragment mitigation may be provided by an appropriate Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board (DDESB) approved engineering control. Typical engineering controls for intentional detonation include tamping and sandbags. The design of such an engineering control shall be based on the maximum fragmentation characteristics of the MPM. The NEW used for the design of the engineering control shall be the total NEW of all munitions plus the initiating explosives. Engineering controls not already approved by DDESB may be submitted (along with appropriate technical data) as part of a site specific explosive safety submission for use at that site. Engineering controls will not be put into use until approved by DDESB and specific applications verified by the appropriate agency; for example, the OE-CX verifies applications for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

4.0 Initiation

The consolidated shot shall be initiated in such a manner that detonation of all munitions is simultaneous.

5.0 References

DoD 6055.9-STD, "Department of Defense Ammunition and Explosives Safety Standards", August 1997.

HNC-ED-CS-S-98-1, Methods for Predicting Primary Fragmentation Characteristics of Cased Explosives, January 1998.

Memorandum, DDESB, DDESB-KO, 27 January 1998, subject: Guidance for Clearance Plans.