

**FIREWORKS PERMITS  
AND  
TEMPORARY DESIGNATED WATERFRONT FACILITIES**

1. All Hazard Class 1 material must be handled at a Designated Waterfront Facility (DWF). Hazard Class 1 material, as defined by Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 173.50, includes fireworks. Accordingly, fireworks may only be loaded or unloaded to or from a vessel at a DWF. In order to be a DWF, the facility must comply with the safety and security requirements of 33 CFR Part 126.
2. Fireworks may be loaded and unloaded at a location that is a temporary DWF. A temporary DWF can be created for the handling of fireworks by meeting the requirements of 33 CFR §§126.15 and 126.27. This temporary facility will operate under the general permit issued by 33 CFR §126.27.
3. For the purpose of handling fireworks, temporary DWFs are not required to meet the Maritime Transportation Security Act requirements of 33 CFR Part 105. They must however, provide adequate temporary security measures to ensure public safety.
4. Requests for marine events that will include fireworks displays must address both the 33 CFR Part 126 measures and what security measures will be taken for the event prior to the review for approval.
5. Finally, in cases where subdivision 1.1 or 1.2 explosives are to be handled, a separate application and permit to handle hazardous material (CG-4260) must be filled out and submitted in accordance with 49 CFR §176.100 and 33 CFR §126.19 when submitting an Application for Approval of Marine Event.
6. Please contact Lieutenant Jud Coleman at (203) 468-4596 if you have any concerns or questions.