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Subj: CAPTAIN OF THE PORT (COTP) POLICY ON EXPLOSIVE LOAD OUT OPERATIONS

Shippers who want to move class 1.1 or 1.2 explosives in the COTP Houston-Galveston area of responsibility must submit an "Application and Permit to Handle Hazardous Materials" CG-4260 (enclosure 1) in accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 176.100. This form is also required for class 1.3 or lower explosives in excess of 10,000 pounds net explosive weight. For shipping class 5.1 Ammonia Nitrate, refer to the COTP Policy on Permit Requirements for Ammonium Nitrate division 5.1 (OXIDIZER) dated January 9, 1998. For additional guidance on explosive movements in the COTP Houston-Galveston area of responsibility, see enclosures 2-4.

Through the authority of 49 CFR 176.102 a U. S. Coast Guard (USCG) supervisory detail may be assigned by the COTP to any vessel involved in an explosive loading, handling, or unloading operation in the respective COTP's area. The COTP Houston-Galveston may require an USCG supervisory detail for all class 1.1 or 1.2 explosives, and any class 1.3 or lower explosives in excess of 10,000 pounds net explosive weight.

Shippers should also be aware that the Port of Houston Authority, Port of Texas City, Port of Galveston and Port of Freeport or local fire departments may have more stringent requirements for shipping and handling explosives. The Port Authorities will base their approvals on the type and quantity of explosives involved in the shipment and the intended location for conducting cargo operations. Individuals who want to move explosives should contact the appropriate Port Authority. Points of contact are:

Port	Point of Contact	Phone Number
Port of Houston Authority	Mr. Ruben Arredondo or	(713) 670-2636 or
	Mr. Jack Crawford	(713) 670-2954
Port of Texas City	Mr. Joe Gilder	(409) 945-5011
Galveston Port Authority	Mr. Earl Kalsnes	(409) 744-6997
Freeport Port Authority	Mr. Al Durell	(979) 233-2667

For further information regarding this policy, contact the Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston. Contact (713) 671-5111 for issues in the MSO Houston-Galveston area of responsibility, or contact (409) 766-3686 for issues in the MSU Galveston area of responsibility.

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