



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND
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AMCPE-SF

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Outdoor Storage of Ammunition and Explosives

1. References:

- a. AR 385-10, The Army Safety Program, 23 August 2007
- b. DA Pamphlet 385-64, Ammunition and Explosives Safety Standards, 15 December 1999
- c. DA Pamphlet 385-30, Mishap Risk Management, 10 October 2007
- d. AMC Regulation 385-100, Safety Manual, 26 September 1995
- e. Memorandum, HQ, Army Materiel Command, AMCPE-SF, 6 January 2004, subject: Open (Outdoor) Storage of Ammunition and Explosives

2. Storage of ammunition and explosives in earth-covered magazines (ECM) is the Army standard. It affords better weather protection, safety, physical security and lower risk than outdoor storage. Outdoor storage of ammunition and explosives will only be considered as the last alternative. Outdoor storage requires active management and must fully consider all risks to safety, security and serviceability.

3. Retrograde material, new procurement, and base closures have created shortages of ECM storage space. This memorandum grants AMC commanders authority to store B5A (demil) account items in outdoor storage, when there is insufficient space inside the assigned ECMs. Items identified for outside storage must be robust enough that outdoor storage will not contribute significantly to the degradation of the item nor present a greater risk when handling. Additional, all current security requirements must be met.

4. For non-Army owned ammunition: LAW chapter 7 of DOD 5160.65M, the AMC Installation or Activity maintaining ownership of a storage location will obtain the owning Service's (Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps) concurrence before moving any Non-Army Explosives (Class V) items (inert or explosive-loaded) into outdoor storage.

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5. AMC Installation Commanders will perform the following:

a. Make every effort to free additional magazine space through movement of eligible inert Class V components and materials into general supply storage or outdoor storage and rewarehousing before placing any explosives-loaded Class V items in outdoor storage.

b. Ensure procedures in paragraph 1-6 of reference 1d for all open storage of ammunition and explosives are met. Such storage must also conform to all other requirements of references 1a and 1b.

c. Ensure a documented risk assessment is part of the decision making process when considering outside storage of Class V material. This risk assessment must be approved at the appropriate level in accordance with reference 1c.

d. Ensure each storage location selected has site approval in accordance with Chapter 8, DA Pamphlet 385-64.

e. Ensure that well maintained firebreaks surround each storage site.

f. Forward a list of the Class V materiel stored in this manner to this Headquarters, ATTN: AMCPE-SF by 10 October, annually.

g. Ensure concurrence by Class V owning service in all outdoor storage situations.

h. Contractors desiring to use outdoor storage will follow the terms of their contract and the guidance prescribed in the DOD 4145.26M.

6. This waiver authorization is granted for five (5) years from the date of this memorandum, but must be reviewed annually for relevancy and applicability of control measures.




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