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Explo Systems, Inc.
Camp Minden Training Site
Incident #12-07549

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Commander, Emergency Services Unit (ESU)

Hazardous Materials / Right-to-Know / Explosive Control

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October 15, 2012

- An **Explo Systems** magazine containing a large amount of improperly stored **Black Powder** **explodes**.



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November 26, 2012

- During a **follow-up inspection** and **review** of process, LSP/ESU Technicians discovered a **large amount of improperly stored M6 Propellant**.



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November 27, 2012

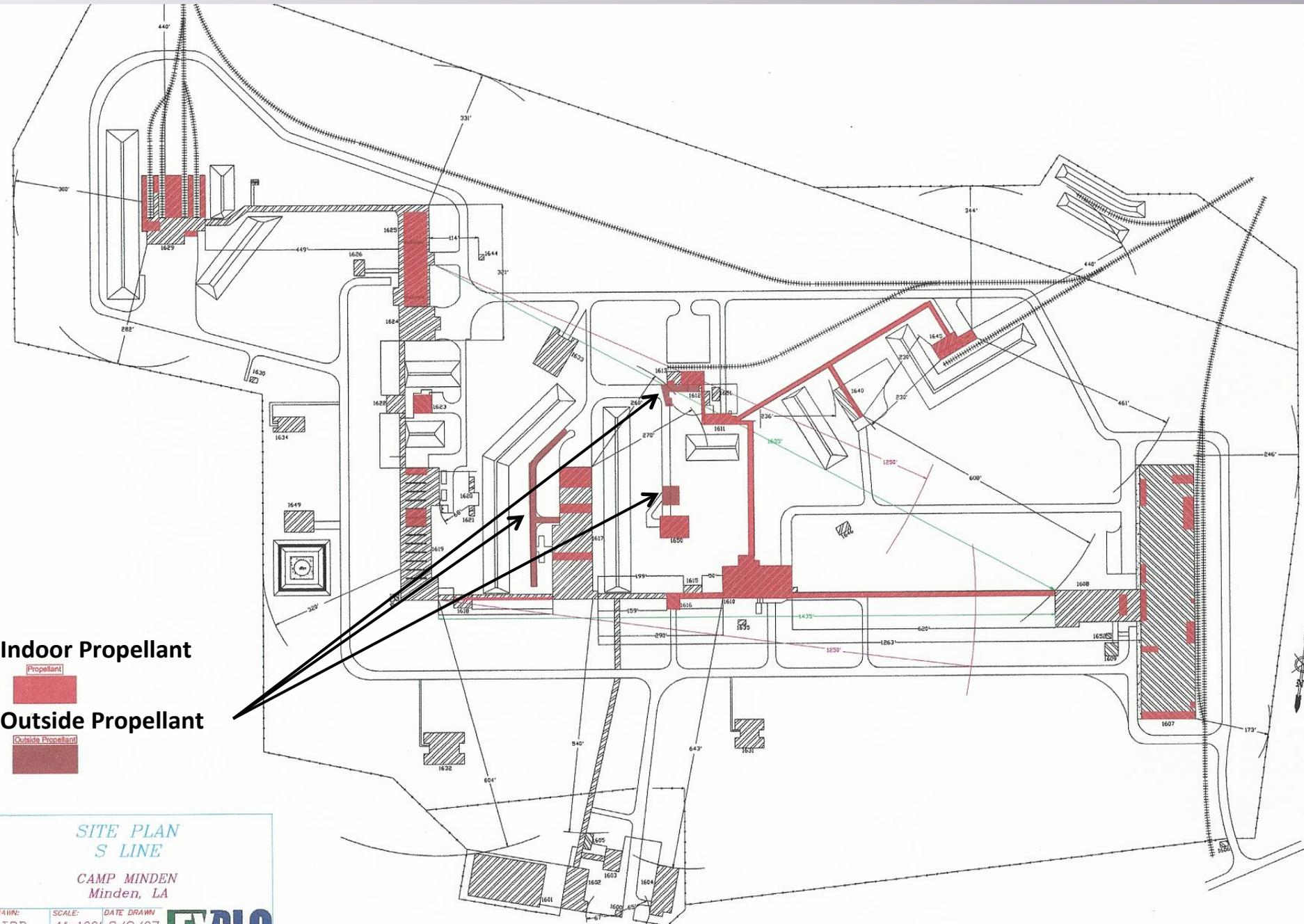
- LSP obtains and serves a **search warrant** to **Explo Systems, Inc.**

November 29, 2012

- LSP provides **Camp Minden Installation Commander** a written *Exemption for Temporary Storage of Explosives*.
- This permits LANG to store **M6 Propellant** into **serviceable magazines on-site**.

November 30, 2012

- LSP established a **7300 linear foot exclusion zone**, requiring the **evacuation of Doyline, LA** and **Camp Minden Training Site**.



Indoor Propellant
 [Red Box] Propellant

Outside Propellant
 [Hatched Box] Outside Propellant

*SITE PLAN
 S LINE*

CAMP MINDEN
 Minden, LA

DRAWN: TRD	SCALE: 1"=100'	DATE DRAWN: 8/8/07
REV. DATE: 8/15/07		



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December 1, 2012

- **Explo Systems employees**, under the supervision of LSP, began *relocating* M6 Propellant into **safe storage areas** (igloos/magazines) **on-site** to alleviate the threat to public safety.

December 7, 2012

- Exclusion zone was *reduced* to **4000 linear feet** allowing residents of **Doyline, LA** to **return** to their homes.
- **Camp Minden Training site** and *Youth Challenge Program* remain **operational**.
- Movement of product into magazines continued for the **next 27 days**.

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December 12, 2012

- LSP formally requested expertise and equipment from **Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA)** to determine the *stability* of the material.

December 18, 2012

- LSP began **sampling** and **testing** of **M6 Propellant**.
 - Testing *continued* through **February 5, 2013**.
 - All tests of sampled material are determined to be *within* **Department of Defense (DoD) stability standards**.

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December 21, 2012

- LSP formally requested the assistance of DCMA to provide **certified personnel, vehicles and serviceable storage locations** to safely secure the remaining material.
- **No response received.**

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January 6, 2013

- At close of business, **all available magazine space** was utilized.
- An additional **3.7 million pounds** of **M6 Propellant** remains **unsecured on-site**.

January 7, 2013

- **Explo Systems** attempted to locate *additional* **off-site magazine space** at **Red River Army Depot, Lone Star Ammunition Plant, Milan Ammunition Plant and McAlester Ammo Plant**.
- **To date, no storage space has been obtained.**

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January 10, 2013

- LSP, EPA, DCIS, ATF, FBI and the Webster Parish Sheriff met with the Webster Parish District Attorney and the U.S. Attorney's Office (Shreveport) to provide a **situational update**.

January 23, 2013

- Explo Systems submitted a **letter** to the **Office of Secretary of Defense** requesting an **exemption** to the **regulations** pertaining to the storage of nondefense materials.
- The request was **verbally denied** by **DoD**.
- DoD **verbally advised** that the request must be **submitted** by a **representative** of the **state**.

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January 23, 2013 (continued)

- DoD verbally advised that the **Explo Systems** and **the State of Louisiana** **must exhaust all possible resources** to safely mitigate the **remaining 3.7 million pounds** of M6 Propellant.
- Furthermore, DoD advised that if **Explo defaults** on their **responsibility** as **owners** of the material . . .
 - . . . the **State** would **bear the responsibility**.

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February 5, 2013

- Major General Curtis, LANG, submitted a **memorandum** from the **Office of the Adjutant General to Secretary of Defense Penetta**, advising that **all State resources** have been **exhausted** and **requested** an **exemption** to the **transportation** and **storage regulations** which would permit the storage of this material.
- **To date, no response received.**

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NOTE:

*Until a **resolution** for the **safe storage** of the material is determined, all **local, State and Federal agencies** will remain engaged to resolve the threat to public safety.*

The search warrant remains active.

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Other Local + State + Federal Agencies involved:

- **Webster Parish Sheriff's Office**
- **LA National Guard (LANG)**
- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**
 - Federal On-Scene Coordinators
 - Criminal Investigation Division
 - Enforcement
- **Department of Defense (DoD)**
 - Program Executive Officer
 - Defense Contract Management Agency
 - Joint Munitions Command
 - Defense Criminal Investigative Service
 - Army Criminal Investigation Command

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Other Local + State + Federal Agencies involved (continued):

- **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**
- **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)**
- **U.S. Attorney's Office**
- **Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)**

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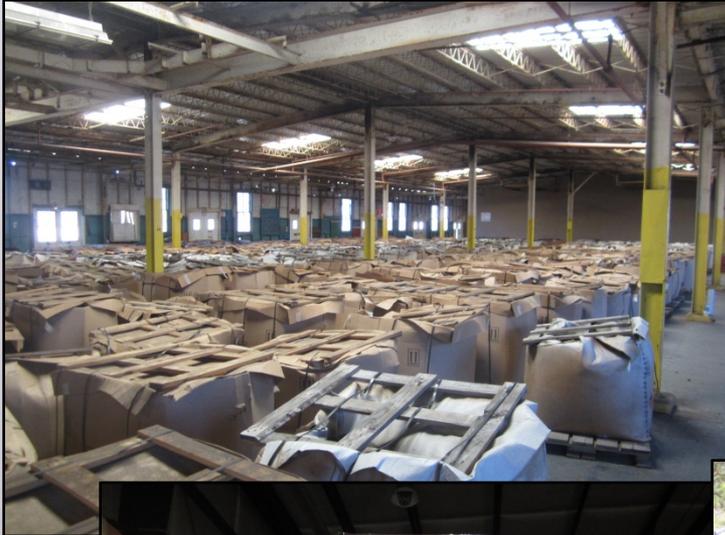
- **Streaming video**
- **Images**
- **Remote environmental monitoring**
- **Improved evacuation**
- **Resource tracking**

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What could a **dedicated data network** do?

- Improve **command** and **control**.
- Provide for a **safer working environment** for first responders.
- Maximize **personnel resources**.
- Seamlessly allow for **interoperability** among **Federal, State** and **local responders**.

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