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Safety Group for
Ordnance and Explosives Team

SUBJECT: Safety Advisory 02-2 - Electric Blasting Cap
Testing Distance

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Reference TM 60A-1-1-31, Explosive Ordnance Procedures,
Revision 1, Safety Precautions, General, 31 December 1997.

This Safety Advisory applies to the U.S. Army
Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville (USAESCH)
personnel and its contractors working on ordnance and
explosives (OE) sites. This advisory is to reiterate the
above listed reference. The below safety recommendations
are an excerpt from this reference.

The change to TM 60A-1-1-31 now requires that testing
of electric blasting caps for continuity be done 50 feet
down wind fro any explosives prior to connecting them to
the firing circuit. This is a change from the previous 25
feet. Electric blasting caps in approved containers must
still be separated at least 25 feet from all other
explosives until they are needed for priming.

This Safety Advisory is intended to serve as a reminder
for the Electric Blasting Cap Testing Distance.

Comments or questions about this Safety Advisory,
please call 256-895-1589.

Sincerely,

Chief, OE Safety Group for
Ordnance and Explosives Directorate

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