



Explosives Safety Technical Center of Expertise

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Background

The Huntsville Center Structural Branch of the Directorate of Engineering serves as the Technical Center of Expertise for explosives safety under the Protective Design-Mandatory Center of Expertise (PD-MCX) assigned to the U.S. Army Engineer District, Omaha. In 1993, a memorandum of agreement (MOA) between Omaha District and Huntsville Center was signed delineating the responsibilities of both organizations. This MOA formalized a long-standing informal relationship between the Structural Branch, Civil Structures Division, Directorate of Engineering, and the PD-MCX at Omaha.



Explosives are tested and results aide in protective designs.

Specific responsibilities of Huntsville Center are:

- Assist in identifying criteria deficiencies related to explosives safety controlled blast resistant facility design
- Review research and development planning documents by the PD-MCX
- Review protective design related project brochures, project booklets, design documents, studies, and evaluations prepared by the PD-MCX
- Assist the PD-MCX with training and other technology transfer initiatives
- Provide limited technical assistance on explosives safety issues as a “one stop” service for the Army
- Be the PD-MCX design review agent for explosives safety related project designs originating within the Corps’ major subordinate commands
- Perform Explosives Safety Site Plan reviews in accordance with Direct Reporting Unit authority given by Headquarters, USACE Safety and Occupational Health Office

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