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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
(ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY & OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH)
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
(SAFETY)
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY & OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH)

SUBJECT: Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board (DDESB) Seminar - 2008

For 80 years, the DDESB has led the way in the development, implementation, execution, and oversight of the DoD Explosives Safety Management Program (ESMP), which has played a vital role in enhanced asset and force protection, and ensured the preservation of the Department's war fighting capabilities. This is a critical time for the explosives safety community. The military's evolving mission in the War on Terror, coupled with the ongoing efforts in the areas of explosives safety practices, insensitive munitions development, chemical weapons disposal, military munitions demilitarization, hazard classification and risk analysis, are some of the issues we face today.

I urge your support in encouraging your military, government civilian, or contract personnel who work with explosives safety to attend the 2008 DDESB Seminar. The DDESB seminar, a laboratory of new ideas in the explosives safety community, will be held August 12-14, 2008 in Palm Springs, California. Experts from around the globe who have been charged with the mission of enhancing explosives safety will use the seminar as a venue to share knowledge and best practices focused on the 2008 theme of "Operationalizing Explosives Safety."

This unique training venue presents a valuable opportunity to attend top-notch training sessions and workshops with some of the Nation's foremost explosives safety experts.

Seminar information is available at <http://www.ddesbseminar.org/>. Specific questions can be directed to Ms. Tricia Wilkie at Tricia.wilkie@ddeb.osd.mil and (703)325-1372.

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