Explosives Use and Storage Policy

Effective: February 2, 2011 (original)

Responsible Executive: Executive Director for Risk Management

Applicability: This policy applies to all individuals, including Auburn University faculty, staff, and students as well as visitors, vendors, contractors, and any other third parties who will use, store, or transport explosives on the Auburn University campus.

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Research at Auburn University may involve materials with potential to harm human health or the environment. One such class of materials is explosives. Explosives have the potential to cause death to not only those working with explosives but also anyone within range of the explosion. The potential for catastrophic destruction of university facilities is also inherent in such use.

It is the policy of Auburn University to comply with all requirements and guidelines of the Department of Transportation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and the Department of Defense regarding the use, storage and transportation of explosives on the Auburn University campus. All research sponsored by the Department of Defense will comply fully with the requirements of the most recent edition of DOD CONTRACTORS’ SAFETY MANUAL FOR AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES (DOD 4145.26-M). Prior to the receipt of any explosives on campus, the University Safety Committee will approve all uses of explosives. All use of explosives is also subject to approval by the Department of Risk Management and Safety, the Auburn Police Department, the Office of the University Architect, the Alabama Building Commission, and the Auburn Fire Department.

Investigators interested in research involving explosives should contact the Department of Risk Management and Safety at (334) 844-4870.