



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
COMMANDER NAVY REGION SOUTHWEST  
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IN REPLY REFER TO :

COMNAVREGSWINST 8023.4  
N42X  
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COMNAVREGSW INSTRUCTION 8023.4

Subj: AMMUNITION AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (AMHAZ) HANDLING  
REVIEW SUB-BOARD

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 8020.14/MCO P8020.11

1. Purpose. To establish an AMHAZ Sub-Board in Navy Region Southwest (NRSW) Area of Responsibility (AOR) that will:

a. Maintain an overview of explosives safety conditions and problem areas.

b. Review all waivers and exemptions of established explosives safety standards.

c. Prepare for the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) AMHAZ Board and provide advanced explosives safety information to the Chairman of the CNO AMHAZ Board.

2. Cancellation. COMNAVBASESANDIEGOINST 8023.4

3. Background

a. The AMHAZ Sub-Board for the NRSW AOR is convened by the NRSW Explosives Safety Program Manager (N42X) who will act as the Explosives Safety Coordinator (ESC). Naval Weapons Station (NAVWPNSTA), Seal Beach is the designated Command for the AMHAZ Sub Board. Members of the AMHAZ Sub-Boards shall include the ESC, representatives from Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity (NOSSA) (N7), and NOSSA Explosives Safety Support Office Pacific (ESSOPAC). NOSSA and ESSOPAC provide technical support in the application of explosives safety quantity distance (ESQD) requirements or other related explosives safety items of interest.

b. AMHAZ Sub-Board attendees shall include a representative of the Commanding Officer from each of the following commands and a supporting Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFACENGCOM) representative from the Installations Planning Division of the appropriate Engineering Field Division (EFD).

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AMHAZ Sub-Board - Navy Region Southwest

NRSW EXPLOSIVES SAFETY PROGRAM MANAGER - Explosives Safety  
Coordinator

NOSSA, INDIAN HEAD

NOSSA, ESSOPAC

NAVAL BASE PT LOMA

NAVWPNSTA SEAL BEACH DETACHMENT FALLBROOK

NAVWPNSTA SEAL BEACH

NAWS CHINA LAKE

NAVAL BASE SAN DIEGO

NAVAL BASE VENTURA COUNTY

NAVAL BASE CORONADO

NAS LEMOORE

NAS FALLON

NALF SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND

NAF EL CENTRO

MCAS YUMA

MCAS MIRAMAR

MCAS CAMP PENDLETON

CG MCB CAMP PENDLETON

CG MCAGCC 29 PALMS

c. When AMHAZ matters of a command not listed above arise, that command may be asked to participate in a meeting of the AMHAZ Sub-Board. Sub-Board members may recommend to the ESC the inclusion of other activities as permanent attendees of the Sub-Board.

4. Scope

a. The Chief of Naval Operations, by reference (a), established AMHAZ Boards to conduct biennial explosives safety reviews at all major U.S. Naval and Marine Corps activities for the purpose of reviewing all factors pertinent to proper safety in the handling, storage, and transportation of ammunition and explosives. The secondary purpose of these boards is to review explosives safety conditions as reflected in, or affected by, planned construction projects.

b. The objective of these reviews is to ensure the existence and maintenance of safe environments and procedures, and to recommend changes when considered necessary to improve safety of shore operations.

c. Reference (a) directs establishment of AMHAZ Sub-Boards by Regional Commanders annually, or as necessary to ensure closure of significant explosive safety issues. The sub-board

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can be used to coordinate implementation of criteria changes and to establish/implement regional safety training courses.

## 5. Action

a. The ESC (N42X), shall convene the NRSW AMHAZ Sub-Board not less than biannually and, more frequently, if required.

b. The AMHAZ representative of each activity that handles or stows ammunition or explosives, or coordinates such evolutions, may provide a brief and informal command presentation. The presenting activity may be assisted as necessary by supported commands. Command presentations shall include the information listed in reference (a). Computer presentations are preferred and should be presented as a PowerPoint presentation. Problem areas or matters brought before the AMHAZ Sub-Board will be presented as required by reference (a).

c. During the year of a CNO AMHAZ, if an activity desires, the activity may present all of the information and requests that will be included in their CNO AMHAZ Board presentation to the Sub-Board. It is requested that commands notify NRSW N42X and submit an advance copy of their presentation package to the Chairman of the CNO AMHAZ when urgent business arises after or between the next scheduled Sub-board and the CNO AMHAZ Board. This includes urgent requests for new waivers or exemptions or the modifications of existing waivers or exemptions.

d. The AMHAZ Sub-Board shall review existing CNO waivers and exemptions from explosives safety standards on a as needed basis to determine their validity, review any problems areas presented, and recommend actions to be taken on each item.

e. The ESC shall submit a list of attendees, and the minutes of the meeting in a report to determine their validity, review any problem areas presented, and recommend action to be taken on each item to:

(1) Chairman

(2) CNO AMHAZ Board, and all participating activities.  
Excluding circumstances described in paragraph 5c, this report

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will satisfy the requirement of reference (a) for an advance copy of each command presentation to be submitted to the Chairman, CNO AMHAZ Board.



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