

**§ 56.6100**

at any MSHA Metal and Nonmetal Safety and Health district office.

*Detonating cord.* A flexible cord containing a center core of high explosives which may be used to initiate other explosives.

*Detonator.* Any device containing a detonating charge used to initiate an explosive. These devices include electric or nonelectric instantaneous or delay blasting caps and delay connectors. The term "detonator" does not include detonating cord. Detonators may be either "Class A" detonators or "Class C" detonators, as classified by the Department of Transportation in 49 CFR 173.53, and 173.100. This document is available at any MSHA Metal and Nonmetal Safety and Health district office.

*Flash point.* The minimum temperature at which sufficient vapor is released by a liquid to form a flammable vapor-air mixture near the surface of the liquid.

*Igniter cord.* A fuse that burns progressively along its length with an external flame at the zone of burning, used for lighting a series of safety fuses in a desired sequence.

*Magazine.* A bullet-resistant, theft-resistant, fire-resistant, weather-resistant, ventilated facility for the storage of explosives and detonators (BATF Type 1 or Type 2 facility).

*Misfire.* The complete or partial failure of explosive material to detonate as planned. The term also is used to describe the explosive material itself that has failed to detonate.

*Primer.* A unit, package, or cartridge of explosives which contains a detonator and is used to initiate other explosives or blasting agents.

*Safety switch.* A switch that provides shunt protection in blasting circuits between the blast site and the switch used to connect a power source to the blasting circuit.

*Slurry.* An explosive material containing substantial portions of a liquid, oxidizers, and fuel, plus a thickener.

*Water gel.* An explosive material containing substantial portions of water, oxidizers, and fuel, plus a cross-linking agent.

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STORAGE

**§ 56.6100 Separation of stored explosive material.**

(a) Detonators shall not be stored in the same magazine with other explosive material.

(b) When stored in the same magazine, blasting agents shall be separated from explosives, safety fuse, and detonating cord to prevent contamination.

**§ 56.6101 Areas around explosive material storage facilities.**

(a) Areas surrounding storage facilities for explosive material shall be clear of rubbish, brush, dry grass, and trees for 25 feet in all directions, except that live trees 10 feet or taller need not be removed.

(b) Other combustibles shall not be stored or allowed to accumulate within 50 feet of explosive material. Combustible liquids shall be stored in a manner that ensures drainage will occur away from the explosive material storage facility in case of tank rupture.

**§ 56.6102 Explosive material storage practices.**

(a) Explosive material shall be—

(1) Stored in a manner to facilitate use of oldest stocks first;

(2) Stored according to brand and grade in such a manner as to facilitate identification; and

(3) Stacked in a stable manner but not more than 8 feet high.

(b) Explosives and detonators shall be stored in closed nonconductive containers except that nonelectric detonating devices may be stored on nonconductive racks provided the case-insert instructions and the date-plant-shift code are maintained with the product.

**§ 56.6130 Explosive material storage facilities.**

(a) Detonators and explosives shall be stored in magazines.

(b) Packaged blasting agents shall be stored in a magazine or other facility which is ventilated to prevent dampness and excessive heating, weather-resistant, and locked or attended. Drop trailers do not have to be ventilated if they are currently licensed by the Federal, State, or local authorities for