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Dear Michigan Industry Members:

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) is reaching out to you with this reminder. As you know, the State of Michigan and the City of Detroit are hosting two major upcoming sporting events, the Major League Baseball (MLB) All-Star Game on July 12, 2005 and the National Football League (NFL) Super Bowl this coming February 5, 2006. As with any event that will draw thousands of people to a concentrated area, all of us need to increase our sensitivity to actions that may be out of the ordinary routine. We can all take steps that increase awareness and security.

For ammonium nitrate distributors one major step would be to know your customer. Be alert to those who pay in cash, would not take delivery, behave in an unusual manner, or do not know the product. For our explosives industry members, I encourage you to exercise extraordinary diligence. This may include visually inspecting each magazine daily, double your efforts of accounting for all explosives, and instituting appropriate extra security measures for your operation.

ATF is working in conjunction with all Federal, State, Local agencies and with industries to protect the public. I encourage each of you to notify your local or state law enforcement officials and ATF's Joint Support Operations Center (JSOC) at 1.800.800.3855 to report suspicious activity, thefts or unexplained losses.

I want to express to you ATF's appreciation for all of your efforts in helping to keep America safe.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Valerie J. Goddard".

Valerie J. Goddard
Special Agent in Charge