

# The Explosive Mishap Report



Photo by Tech Sgt. Dawn M. Price

To assist with the entry of an explosive mishap report into WESS, users should understand the data fields displayed. Here are some helpful tips to ease and streamline the process.

- First, there are some required, common data fields such as point-of-contact information, involved person(s) and injury data that must be entered prior to entering the explosive data.
- Once at the Explosive Mishap page, displayed to the right, the first field will be the selection of the type of explosive system involved in the incident. This selection is from a drop-down table, and ensures that the type of system field is consistent with the user's input.
- The next two fields are boxes which identify the launching device and whether ammunition was involved in the mishap. One or both of these items may be selected.
- The next entry is for the type of ammunition being reported. These fields are based on whether

the box "Mishap involved ammunition" was selected. Users can only select one of these boxes, which will normally be the "NALC Item." The "Batch Production" and "Bulk Production" boxes are used by people at production levels such as research and development or testing and rarely will be used by fleet commands.

- The next section is for the "Mishap Type" which is selected using the radio button next to the chosen item. Only one mishap type can be selected. If disposition of the items involved must be addressed, the next field is used for that purpose. "Disposition" means that there is an item involved in the mishap that is available for further investigation or needs shipping instructions.

- The next web page displayed is determined by the items involved in the incident. There are two possible web page flows and both will collect additional information for the system or the ammunition involved in the incident. Some examples of the

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Type of System

Were any of the following applicable to the mishap

Mishap involved launching device

Mishap involved ammunition

Type of Ammunition

NALC Item

Batch Production

Bulk Production

Mishap type  Abnormal Occurrence  Detonation  Induced Defect  Malfunction  Negligent Discharge  Observed Defect

Disposition of material

\* Indicates required field must be entered before moving to next screen  
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additional information are work unit codes, equipment identification codes, serial numbers, national stock numbers, lot numbers and explosive weight.

The Community of Interest (COI) is a very important aspect of EMR reporting. This function is similar to the Address Indicator Group used in naval messages. In fact the COIs and the AIGs are identified with the same numbers and apply to the

same weapon groups. Both are used to disseminate explosive mishap reports to the ordnance community. For this reason, it is essential to use the COIs when reporting. If additional assistance is needed, the Naval Safety Center Explosives and Weapons Systems Safety Division is available to help at (757) 444-3520, Ext. 7143 (DSN 564). ♦

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