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(Date)

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Re: Ammonium Nitrate – Safe Storage Practices

Dear _____,

On (Date) the State Fire Marshal's Office conducted an assessment of voluntary participation to evaluate the storage of ammonium nitrate at your location.

Attached is a copy of the *References Related to Best Practices – Storing of Ammonium Nitrate*, a document drafted by the State Fire Marshal's Office and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 704 Warning Placard Requirements chart.

This document and chart provides a brief highlight of best practice standards for the storage of ammonium nitrate and includes references from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the U.S. Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works, and the *2013 Edition of the NFPA 400, Hazardous Materials Code*.

The NFPA 704 Warning Placard identifies the types of possible hazardous contents present inside of the building and cautions emergency response personnel. The *2012 Edition of NFPA 704, Standard System for the Identification of the Hazards of Materials for Emergency Response* suggests sign placement on at least two sides of any building storing the hazardous materials and at each primary means of access into the building. Consulting with your local authority having jurisdiction in regards to the approved placement of signs is advised. The Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) provided with each product lists the rating numbers for each placard category.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,

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