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FACT SHEET
West, Texas Fertilizer Plant Incident

- Previous media reports cited that water used during fire fighting activities could have contributed to the cause of the explosion. It has been determined that no actions by the firefighters led to the explosion.

- The investigation at the West Fertilizer Plant is ongoing. Investigators are not only using heavy equipment to move large objects, but also sifters to find small pieces of evidence.

- The investigation is being led by the State Fire Marshal's Office and ATF. Several law enforcement partners include, DPS CID, TCEQ, McLennan County Sheriff and McLennan County District Attorney, and EPA.

- Any updates about the investigation, upcoming press conference, and media pools can be found at http://www.tdi.texas.gov/news/resource.html.

- If you have specific questions regarding the investigation, please contact Rachel Moreno (SFMO) at (979) 277-4278 or Rachel.Moreno@tdi.texas.gov or Franceska Perot (ATF) at (281) 914-8124 or franceska.perot@atf.gov.