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Outline

- Regulatory Update
 - Part 7
- Blaster ERAP Issue For Discussion:
 - ERAPs and Small Companies (blasters)
 - How is the explosives industry supporting these companies?
 - Is there a better mechanism to ensure ERAPs are registered and the companies aware of their responsibilities?
 - Umbrella ERAPs as part of a solution?



Regulatory Update

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Emergency Response Assistance Plans (ERAP) - Part 7

Update

- Published in *Canada Gazette*, Part I (CGI) on June 30, 2018 for 60 days.
- Majority of stakeholders support Transport Canada (TC)'s primary objectives to improve ERAP program and enhance public safety.

Next Steps

- Finalize drafting of regulatory text and guidance material for stakeholders.
- Final amendments planned for publication in the *Canada Gazette*, Part II (CGII) in March 2019.



Blaster ERAP Issue For Discussion

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For Discussion:

ERAPs and Small Companies

Issue:

- Many small companies – such as blasters – are unaware of their TC regulatory requirements, resulting in an accumulation of ERAPs that are no longer used, valid or are expired.

Goal:

- To find a solution to the blasters' ERAP situation by the CEAC Spring meeting.



For Discussion (*cont.*):

ERAPs and Small Companies

Current situation:

- Some blaster companies copy/paste the sample ERAP from the TC Website.

Near future situation:

- TC will no longer provide a sample ERAP on Class 1 on the TC Website.
- What will the impact be on the small blaster companies?



For Discussion (*cont.*):

ERAPs and Small Companies

- How Canadian Explosives industry can play a role to support small blaster companies in their ERAP?
 - Who requires an ERAP? (HOTTI)
 - H: handles
 - OT: offers for transport
 - T: transports
 - I: imports
- Multiple parties can require an ERAP for one shipment.
- How to write a proper ERAP, meeting TDG expectations?



For Discussion (*cont.*):

ERAPs and Small Companies

- Who maintains the ERAP once it's approved?
 - History of companies opening/closing without giving any notice to TC.
- Who ensures the small companies understand their responsibilities?
- Are small blaster companies trained to respond in a **Timely, Appropriate, Safe and Coordinated (TASC)** manner to a Class 1 incident?



For Discussion (*cont.*):

ERAPs and Small Companies

- What is the solution?
 - Canadian Association of Geophysical Contractors (CAGC)?
 - Association within the CEAEC that holds an “umbrella” ERAP.
 - A working group within CEAEC that manages ERAP applications/approvals?
- Your feedback is very welcome, please send via CEAEC leadership.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

Any Questions?

