

## **Emergency Management Bulletin: Facilities Housing Ammonium Nitrate**

As a result of the West, Texas, fertilizer plant fire and explosion, Representative Joe Pickett (D-El Paso), Chair of the Texas Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee, tasked the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) with identifying all facilities storing more than 10,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate (AN). After identifying all the AN facilities, SFMO staff inspected 134 facilities. Of those, SFMO inspectors found 110 facilities storing AN. No serious violations were noted during any inspection.

The SFMO was also asked to create a web application so the public can find out if there are any AN facilities within their zip code. The SFMO has created the "Ammonium Nitrate in Texas" web application based on information received from public information sources provided by statewide organizations. Citizens will be able to enter their zip code into the web application and discover whether there is a facility or facilities storing more than 10,000 pounds of AN within their zip code.

If there is an AN facility within the zip code entered, an icon will appear on a map of the area. The map does not provide the exact location or address of the AN facility, only an icon on the map in the general vicinity of the facility. If there is an AN facility within the citizen's zip code, they will be directed to the local fire department for questions.

Click [HERE](#) to access the "Ammonium Nitrate in Texas" web application.

Over the next year, SFMO along with other state agencies will be conducting public outreach in your communities about best practices regarding ammonium nitrate, emergency preparedness, and fire and life safety. More information will be distributed as it becomes available.

If you have any questions regarding the web application, please contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at [fire.marshall@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:fire.marshall@tdi.texas.gov) or (512) 305-7900.