



**New York State Department of Labor**

Eliot Spitzer, *Governor*

M. Patricia Smith, *Commissioner*

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Dear Sir or Madam:

The New York State Department of Labor is responsible for regulating the storage and handling of explosives. We are now in the process of reviewing our current regulations, "*Industrial Code Rule 39, Possession, Handling, Storage and Transportation of Explosives*". You are receiving this notice because you have been identified as an interested or affected party.

On February 20, 2008, the Department will be holding two half day open forums to discuss with interested parties a number of proposals that have been made for possible changes to these regulations. The purpose of the meeting will be to get input from the regulated community prior to starting the formal rule making process. The meetings will be held at the:

Onondaga County Library  
Curtain Auditorium  
447 S. Salina St.  
Syracuse, New York

The morning session will start at 9:30 am and will focus on proposals to improve the security of low explosive magazine storage (fireworks, black powder and smokeless powder) as well as, changes to the current license policy.

The afternoon session will begin at 1:00 pm. and will focus on proposals for improving the security of high explosive magazines (including detonators and ANFO storage). This will address both permanent storage facilities as well as temporary storage at construction sites. There will also be discussion on proposals to change the current licensing policy for users of high explosives.

We have reviewed a number of regulatory proposals, including the recent changes to the Pennsylvania regulations, as well as model regulations proposed by the Institute of Makers of Explosives (IME). We would like to use these meetings to hear from the industry about what you think can be done to provide better security for explosive storage facilities.

This is an informational meeting and not a public hearing. In order to make sure that we can accommodate everyone, we are asking that you let us know by February 15<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to attend. You can contact us by mail, or by e-mail at [industry.dosh@labor.state.ny.us](mailto:industry.dosh@labor.state.ny.us).

The Department is committed to providing interested parties with an opportunity to have input on these important issues as early in the process as possible. We look forward to working cooperatively with each of you on this critical issue.