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**Subject:**

Blasting Operations Hazard

**Distribution:**

Personnel using Blasting Materials

**Discussion:**

The U.S. Military is using some very high frequency radar and high energy level broadcasting that can under the right conditions cause premature detonation of blasting material. Explosive users might be at risk if using blasting materials under a Military Training Route (MTR) during a low-level flight by military aircraft.

**Recommendation:**

Personnel who use explosives should contact their local agency Aviation Manager to identify the location of MTRs and coordinate blasting activity through their bureau airspace management representative to minimize the risk from low flying aircraft.

**Note:** The agency airspace representative should coordinate with the applicable FAA/Military facility. When contacting the agency airspace representative please provide the following information:

- LAT/LONG of blasting site or VOR/DME reference
- Dates of blasting activity
- Times of blasting activity
- Affected military airspace
- DOI agency point of contact

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