

Expedited Permitting

In recognition of the agency's mission, the Waste Permits Division dedicated staff resources to expedite the issuance of a RCRA hazardous waste permit to Expal USA, Inc. These efforts, combined with Expal's motivation to shorten their response timeframes, allowed the permit to be issued on November 22, 2016, a remarkable four months ahead of schedule. TCEQ staff issued a protective permit while helping establish a new business in Texas that provides both economic and environmental benefits.

Expal USA Inc., is a demilitarization processing facility in Hooks, Texas and will disassemble hazardous military munitions, such as artillery projectiles, cluster bomb units, bomblets, mines, grenades and cartridges. Expal plans to initially hire 45 people to operate the site, with additional jobs expected in the future.



Figure 1. An open munition showing small balls surrounded by chicken wire