

101A.7 Inspection of storage facility.

The licensee's or permittee's explosive storage facility shall be inspected at least once a year by a representative of the state fire marshal's office, except that the state fire marshal may, at those mining operations licensed and regulated by the United States department of labor, accept an approved inspection report issued by the United States department of labor, mine safety and health administration, for the twelve-month period following the issuance of the report. The state fire marshal shall notify the appropriate city or county governing board of licenses to be issued in their respective jurisdictions pursuant to this chapter. The notification shall contain the name of the applicant to be licensed, the location of the facilities to be used in storing explosives, the types and quantities of explosive materials to be stored, and other information deemed necessary by either the governing boards or the state fire marshal. The facility may be examined at other times by the sheriff of the county where the facility is located or by the local police authority if the facility is located within a city of over ten thousand population and if the sheriff or city council considers it necessary.

If the state fire marshal finds the facility to be improperly secured, the licensee or permittee shall immediately correct the improper security and, if not so corrected, the state fire marshal shall immediately confiscate the stored explosives. Explosives may be confiscated by the county sheriff or local police authority only if a situation that is discovered during an examination by those authorities is deemed to present an immediate danger. If the explosives are confiscated by the county sheriff or local police authority, they shall be delivered to the state fire marshal. The state fire marshal shall hold confiscated explosives for a period of thirty days under proper security unless the period of holding is shortened pursuant to this section.

If the licensee or permittee corrects the improper security within the thirty-day period, the explosives shall be returned to the licensee or permittee after correction and after the licensee or permittee has paid to the state an amount equal to the expense incurred by the state in storing the explosives during the period of confiscation. The amount of expense shall be determined by the state fire marshal.

If the improper security is not corrected during the thirty-day period, the state fire marshal shall dispose of the explosives and the license or permit shall be canceled. A canceled license or permit shall not be reissued for a period of two years from the date of cancellation.

[C73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 101A.7]

83 Acts, ch 123, § 54, 55, 209; 84 Acts, ch 1074, § 5; 86 Acts, ch 1029, § 1