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Dear Mr. King:

This responds to your letter requesting clarification of the segregation requirements for certain explosives under the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR Parts 171-180). Specifically, you ask whether an explosive item classed as a Division 1.4D may be transported on the same transport vehicle as detonators.

The answer is yes. Except as otherwise specified, the provisions of § 177.848(g)(3)(iv) apply to detonators transported on the same transport vehicle with Division 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 material. An explosive item classed as a Division 1.4D may be transported on the same transport vehicle as a detonator.

I trust this satisfies your inquiry. Please contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Mitchell".

Hattie L. Mitchell
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§177.848
§177.835(g)
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Dear Sir/Madam:

I have reviewed 177.848 and in the chart for explosives there is an X and a 4 when comparing a D with a B. The 4 I understand tells me to review 177.835(g). In reading this paragraph it is plain that detonators are not allowed to be transported with any 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 or 1.5 unless the provisions of (g) (1), (2) or (3) are met.

As I understand, because there is no reference to 1.4 that items that are approved and Classed as 1.4D may be transported with detonators. Is this correct?

Sincerely,

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