



Press Statement

JOINT MUNITIONS COMMAND

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U.S. Army supplying ammunition to Afghan army and police

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. - The U.S. Army is supplying the Afghan army and police non-standard ammunition under a Foreign Military Sales case through the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, to the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command. It was executed by the Joint Munitions Command, USASAC, JMC and ASC are subordinate commands of the Army Materiel Command.

The contract supporting the case was awarded by the U.S. Army Sustainment Command in support of the Joint Munitions Command. The contract was awarded to AEY, Inc as a result of a full-and-open competition.

Safety and performance are the Army's top priorities when it comes to ammunition, for both our Allies and our own Armed Forces. First, is the ammunition safe? Second, does the ammunition work? To date, we have not received any reports, from our units in the field or our customers, the Afghan army, concerning the safety or performance of the ammunition provided through this contract. We have received concerns over packaging and corrosion. The Army is also aware of ongoing investigations regarding the source of some of the ammunition.

As soon as the Army became aware of these concerns in February 2008, we took immediate action, legally and contractually, to determine the appropriate remedies and put them into place. We continue to work these issues.

The Army has been and continues to be actively engaged in supporting the investigations that are being conducted. These investigations resulted in the suspension of AEY, Inc.

The Army is planning to conduct a media roundtable on this subject in the near future. POC is LTC Martin Downey, (703) 697-7591, martin.downie@us.army.mil.

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