

contamination and dispersal issues, cost and economic competitiveness issues, with minimal law enforcement benefit, and adverse effects on the environment.

National Rifle Association

Tanya K. Metaksa, executive director of the NRA Institute for Legislative Action, presented the NRA viewpoint. She noted the strong NRA support for an independent assessment of taggants, particularly for black and smokeless powder, and a strong focus on bombing prevention technologies rather than explosive tagging methods. NRA concerns included safety, cost, possible deleterious effects on firearms, and the utility of taggants to law enforcement.

Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute

James J. Baker, Don Burton, and Ken Green presented the SAAMI viewpoint about the use of taggants in black and smokeless powders. SAAMI concerns included taggant effects on safety, the manufacturing process, distribution, ballistic performance, and cost-effectiveness.

The Fertilizer Institute

Gary Myers, president, and Ford West, vice president, presented the views of the Fertilizer Institute. They also discussed the "Be Aware for America" program—a cooperative program between TFI, the ATF, and others to report suspicious sales of fertilizer-grade ammonium nitrate.

Additional Stakeholders Contacted

In addition, the committee has contacted many other stakeholder groups soliciting written testimony (see Appendix F), including the following:

- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
- American Iron Ore Association
- American Portland Cement Alliance
- American Road and Transportation Builders Association
- Associated Builders and Contractors
- Austin Powder Company
- Dyno Nobel
- Glass Packaging Institute
- Goex, Inc.
- Handgun Control Inc.
- ICI Explosives
- Indiana Limestone Institute
- International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators (IABTI)