

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119-33
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In title XVI, subtitle B, add at the end the following
new section:

1 SEC. 1619. OFFICE FOR BOMBING PREVENTION.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title II of the Home-
3 land Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 121 et seq.) is amend-
4 ed by adding at the end the following new section:

5 “SEC. 211. OFFICE FOR BOMBING PREVENTION.

6 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
7 the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department
8 an Office for Bombing Prevention (in this section referred
9 to as the ‘Office’), which shall be headed by an individual
10 in the Senior Executive Service with subject matter exper-
11 tise in deterring, detecting, preventing, protecting against,
12 mitigating, and responding to terrorist explosive threats
13 and attacks.

14 “(b) PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES.—The head of
15 the Office shall—

16 “(1) act as the primary coordinator for the De-
17 partment of Homeland Security with all elements of
18 the Department of Defense that have responsibilities
19 for the disposal of explosive ordnance;

1 “(2) ensure the effectiveness of intelligence and
2 other information sharing between such elements of
3 the Department of Defense and the Department of
4 Homeland Security, including the Federal, State,
5 local, and tribal partners of the Department of
6 Homeland Security; and

7 “(3) advise the Secretary on matters related to
8 terrorist explosive threats and attacks in the United
9 States.

10 “(c) FUNCTIONS.—The Office shall have the primary
11 responsibility within the Department of Homeland Secu-
12 rity for enhancing the ability of, and coordinating the ef-
13 forts of, the United States to deter, detect, prevent, pro-
14 tect against, mitigate, and respond to terrorist explosive
15 threats and attacks in the United States, including by the
16 following:

17 “(1) Coordinating the efforts of the Depart-
18 ment to counter terrorist explosive threats and at-
19 tacks in the United States, including by—

20 “(A) developing, in consultation with the
21 Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and
22 Plans, the strategy of the Department against
23 terrorist explosive threats and attacks, includ-
24 ing efforts to support the security and pre-

1 paredness of critical infrastructure and the pub-
2 lic sector and private sector;

3 “(B) leading the prioritization of the ef-
4 forts of the Department against terrorist explo-
5 sive threats and attacks, including preparedness
6 and operational requirements;

7 “(C) ensuring, in consultation with the
8 Under Secretary for Science and Technology
9 and the Administrator of the Federal Emer-
10 gency Management Agency, the identification,
11 evaluation, and availability of effective tech-
12 nology applications through field pilot testing
13 and acquisition of such technology applications
14 by the public sector to deter, detect, prevent,
15 protect against, mitigate, and respond to ter-
16 rorist explosive threats and attacks in the
17 United States;

18 “(D) providing advice and recommenda-
19 tions to the Administrator of the Federal Emer-
20 gency Management Agency regarding the effec-
21 tive use of grants authorized under section
22 2002; and

23 “(E) aligning, in consultation with the As-
24 sistant Secretary for the Countering Weapons
25 of Mass Destruction Office, the efforts of the

1 Department related to terrorist explosive
2 threats and attacks in the United States and
3 weapons of mass destruction.

4 “(2) Engaging other Federal departments and
5 agencies, including Sector Risk Management Agen-
6 cies and relevant elements of the Department of De-
7 fense, regarding terrorist explosive threats and at-
8 tacks in the United States.

9 “(3) Facilitating information sharing and deci-
10 sion support of the public and private sectors in-
11 volved in deterrence, detection, prevention, protec-
12 tion against, mitigation of, and response to terrorist
13 explosive threats and attacks in the United States,
14 including, when appropriate, delivering information
15 to the public and private sectors using open-source
16 materials or downgrading the classification level of
17 information.

18 “(4) Providing training, guidance, planning, as-
19 sessments, and technical assistance to the public and
20 private sectors, as appropriate, to help counter the
21 risk of terrorist explosive threats and attacks in the
22 United States. The training and technical assistance
23 provided under this paragraph shall include—

24 “(A) support efforts to prepare for and re-
25 spond to bomb threats or other acts concerning

1 explosive threats and attacks in the United
2 States; and

3 “(B) support of public and private sector
4 preparedness for security of critical infrastruc-
5 ture, facilities, and special events, as appro-
6 priate.

7 “(5) Promoting security awareness, through
8 educational outreach or secure information sharing,
9 where appropriate, among the public sector, the pri-
10 vate sector, and the general public regarding the
11 risks posed by the misuse of explosive precursor
12 chemicals and other bomb-making materials.

13 “(6) Conducting analysis and planning for the
14 capabilities and requirements necessary for the pub-
15 lic and private sectors, as appropriate, to deter, de-
16 tect, prevent, protect against, mitigate, and respond
17 to terrorist explosive threats and attacks in the
18 United States, including by—

19 “(A) maintaining a database on capabili-
20 ties and requirements, including capabilities
21 and requirements of public safety bomb squads,
22 explosive detection canine teams, special tactics
23 teams, and public safety dive teams; and

1 “(B) applying the analysis derived from
2 the database described in subparagraph (A)
3 with respect to—

4 “(i) evaluating progress toward clos-
5 ing identified gaps relating to national
6 strategic goals and standards related to de-
7 terring, detecting, preventing, protecting
8 against, mitigating, and responding to ter-
9 rorist explosive threats and attacks in the
10 United States; and

11 “(ii) informing decisions relating to
12 homeland security policy, assistance, train-
13 ing, research, development efforts, testing
14 and evaluation, and related requirements
15 regarding deterring, detecting, preventing,
16 protecting against, mitigating, and re-
17 sponding to terrorist explosive threats and
18 attacks in the United States.

19 “(7) Facilitating secure information sharing of
20 sensitive material and promoting security awareness,
21 including by—

22 “(A) operating and maintaining a secure
23 information sharing system that allows sharing
24 among and between the public and private sec-

1 tors of critical information relating to explosive
2 attack tactics, techniques, and procedures;

3 “(B) working with international partners,
4 in consultation with the Office of International
5 Affairs of the Department, to develop and share
6 effective practices to deter, detect, prevent, pro-
7 tect against, mitigate, and respond to terrorist
8 explosive threats and attacks in the United
9 States;

10 “(C) executing national public awareness
11 and vigilance campaigns relating to—

12 “(i) terrorist explosive threats and at-
13 tacks in the United States;

14 “(ii) preventing explosive attacks; and

15 “(iii) activities and measures under-
16 way to safeguard the United States; and

17 “(D) working with relevant stakeholder or-
18 ganizations.

19 “(8) Providing any other assistance the Sec-
20 retary determines necessary.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
22 at the beginning of such Act is amended by inserting after
23 the item relating to section 210G the following new item:

“Sec. 211. Office for Bombing Prevention.”.

