🚨 PUBLIC INFORMATION UPDATE: LEAD AZIDE DETONATION 🚨

November 24, 2026

The U.S. Army has announced that the detonation of Lead Azide at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday, November 25, 2026, at approximately 9:00 AM.**

According to the latest information provided, all current plume models indicate that any potential airborne cloud is expected to move south/southwest. Based on the available information and current modeling, there is no anticipated impact or threat to Muscatine County at this time.

Muscatine County Emergency Management has been actively monitoring this situation in coordination with local, state, and federal partners. The State of Iowa activated its Emergency Operations Center last week. Our staff will begin participating in WebEOC early tomorrow morning and will maintain ongoing communication with the State Emergency Operations Center throughout the detonation and monitoring process.

Should conditions change or additional information indicate a potential impact to our area, Muscatine County Emergency Management will provide timely updates and communicate any recommended protective actions through our social media platforms and Alert Iowa notifications.

Residents are encouraged to enroll in Alert Iowa to receive emergency notifications directly:
https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action...
The safety of our residents remains our priority. We will continue to monitor developments, maintain communication with our partner agencies, and remain prepared to take appropriate action should circumstances warrant.

For the latest updates and additional resources from the State of Iowa, visit:
https://homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/army-detonation
Muscatine County Emergency Management will continue to provide updates as additional information becomes available.

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