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## Injury Study Released

Waco, Texas (June 24, 2014) – The Waco-McLennan County Public Health District, in collaboration with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), has released a public health study on injuries related to the April 17, 2013 West, Texas fertilizer plant explosion.

Soon after the explosion occurred, the Health District and DSHS began the planning process for an epidemiological study. Over the past year, the investigation team has gathered information from medical records and survivor interviews to better understand the types of injuries that can occur from an explosion of this magnitude.

The objectives for this study were:

- To describe the characteristics of the fatal injuries caused by the explosion;
- To describe the physical injuries of survivors of the explosion;
- To describe risk factors associated with injuries caused by the explosion, including location at the time of the blast, timing of the injury, and demographic characteristics;
- To quantify the number of acutely injured patients who sought medical care; and
- To describe the medical care received by the injured.

The injury report also contains recommendations for the general public, the medical community and public health organizations designed to help communities better respond in the event of a similar catastrophic incident.

The report is available on the Health District's webpage at [www.wacomclennanphd.org](http://www.wacomclennanphd.org).

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