

Safety Alert

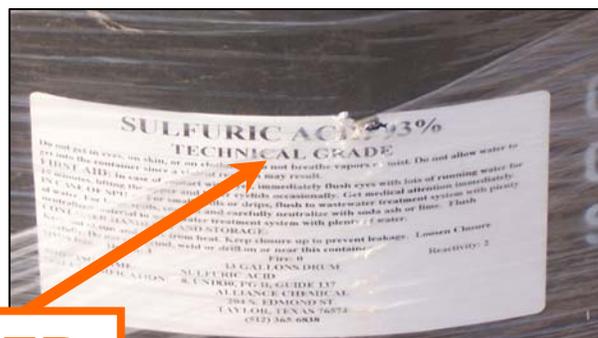


Hazardous Materials Shipping OIF SA-006

Hazardous materials are just that, **HAZARDOUS** and they must be treated with respect. This includes proper shipping, storage, and the use of Personal Protective Equipment when handling.

On the battlefield we tend to disregard many of these items regularly for a multitude of reasons; none of which are valid. The pictures below show one such incident where personnel failed to follow precautions and standards. This incident resulted in damaged to the CONEX and the trailer. Luckily no personnel were injured. If anyone had touched the ACID we would have had a casualty with damaged hands. Had anyone entered the CONEX the incident could have resulted in a fatality.

This incident shows that one person's lack of situational awareness or lack of caring has secondary and tertiary effects on others which impacts our combat power. This CONEX was transported to two different FOB's and rejected due to the leaking Acid. After being returned to BIAP, the CONEX was moved multiple times before anyone decided to investigate the leak. Upon doing so, it was discovered that multiple containers of Sulfuric Acid were damaged when the pallets fell over due to a lack of blocking and bracing.



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Check

✓ **Blocking**, ✓ **Bracing**, and ✓ **Compatibility**
Before Shipping

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