



IMPORTANT FACTS AND INFORMATION ABOUT DSE, INC. AND DSE FUZING

Recently, irresponsible media reports by station WFTS-TV have made disparaging, inaccurate and misleading charges against our companies—charges unsupported by the facts. WFTS-TV has also failed to report important information about our companies. Here is what people need to know about DSE, Inc. and DSE Fuzing (“DSE”):

Our companies produce reliable, effective and safe products that meet all rigorous U.S. government requirements for our armed forces. Together, we have done so for over 25 years. The men and women of DSE, including many military veterans, take our responsibility to provide reliable and safe ammunition rounds to our troops very seriously.

DSE and third parties each perform extensive and redundant tests and inspections throughout the manufacturing process to ensure the safety and quality of our grenades and grenade fuzes. Moreover, government officials personally witness many of these tests to confirm our ammunition rounds function properly and safely. Corrective Action Requests are an integral part of a multi-faceted process and work to ensure that any product with any nonconformance is identified and set aside, and the cause is promptly evaluated and resolved. It is wrong for WFTS-TV or anyone else to suggest or imply that a request for corrective action to DSE means that a bad or unsafe part has reached or been used by our troops. Our record plainly shows that, in fact, this is not the case.

Regarding the detents mentioned in a recent WFTS-TV report, all of DSE Fuzing’s products supplied to the Army containing the detents passed all quality and performance inspections, including those overseen by the government. While some of these detents were found to have a slightly wide tip, this technical non-conformity has no impact on the performance, safety and reliability of the ammunition, as demonstrated by the required performance testing. Grenades containing those detents met every safety and reliability test before being delivered to the U.S. military. The slightly wide tip has no impact on form, fit, or function of the grenade, and would not compromise the performance of the grenades in the field.

Contrary to WFTS-TV's reporting, DSE has no open warranty matters directly with the government as a prime contractor and is not subject to any claim of repayment by the U.S. government. Together with the U.S. government, we strive for perfection in all respects and make every effort to provide complete satisfaction to the smallest detail.

As noted on the statement published on our website, DSE's decision to close our Orlando facilities is part of a planned process, first announced last spring, that will consolidate our fuze manufacturing operations at our new, modernized plant in Gaffney, South Carolina. This consolidation of our operations is part of our business plan and completely unrelated to any of the allegations WFTS-TV has made or reported. Our strong Florida ties continue, as our company headquarters remain in Tampa, where we have been for over twenty years.

A leader in the industry, DSE has a long and excellent track record of supplying safe and reliable products to the U.S. military for more than 25 years. Our extensive and real-world field experience completely refutes the irresponsible media reports. Out of more than 30 million DSE fuzes in the field, we have never received a report of an injury or accident from a malfunctioning DSE fuze. Not one.

We at DSE look forward to continuing to provide quality, reliable and safe products to the men and women of our armed forces serving around the globe.