Explosives education and research opportunities at Missouri S&T

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Abstract: Missouri S&T has a long history of education and research relating to explosives and energetic materials. Our explosives engineering MS and PhD programs are unique in the US and offer a variety of courses and research opportunities for students and faculty. The current research initiatives include traumatic brain injury, mine safety, structural response, and industrial and other applications of explosives. This presentation provides an overview of the educational and research opportunities available through the Explosives Engineering program. The presentation emphasizes the role chemistry can play in advancing S&T’s research and educational mission in energetic materials and explosives.

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