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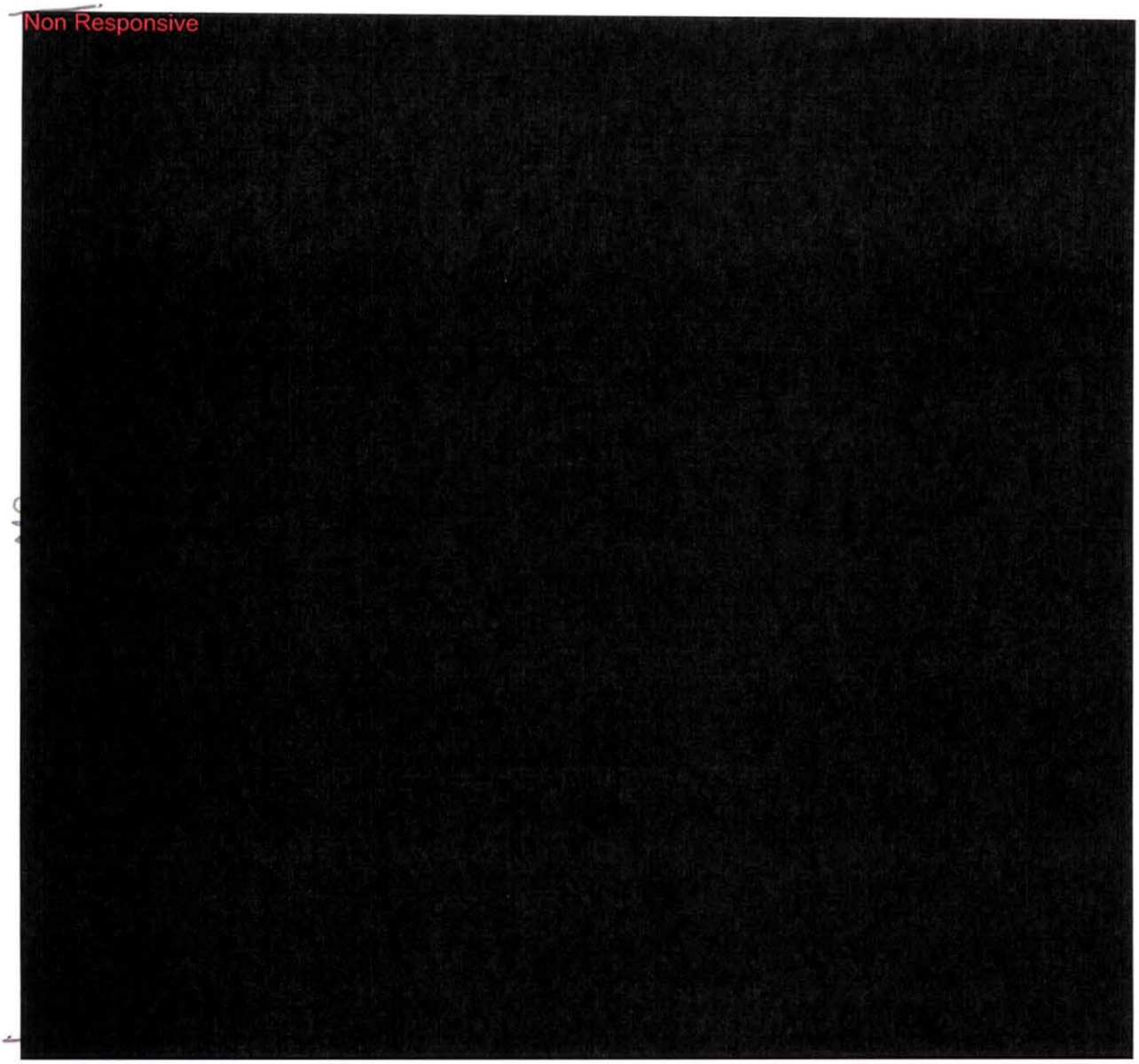

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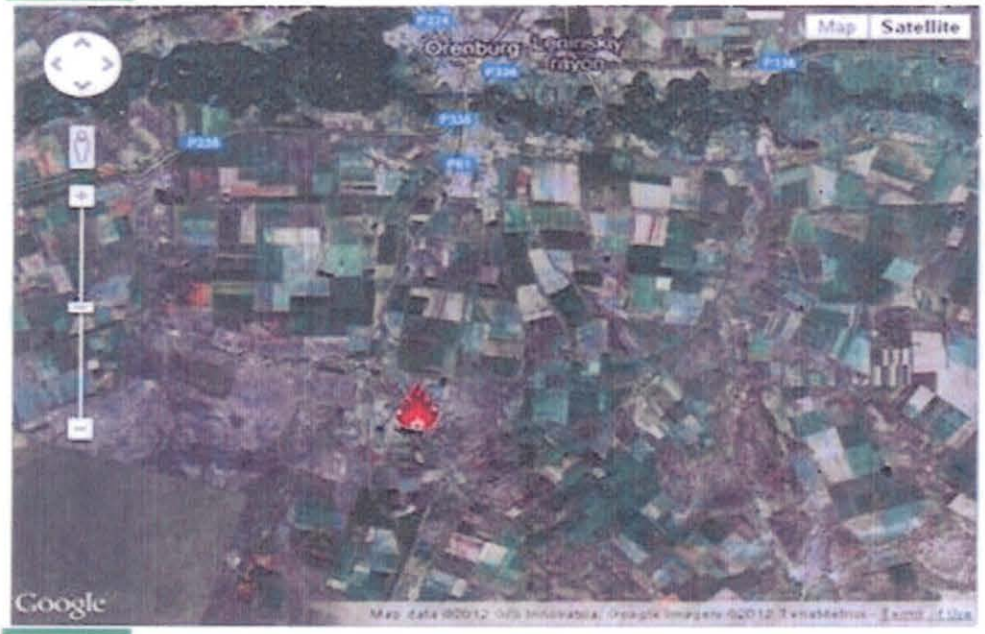

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Open source reporting indicates the explosion was so powerful that is shook the ground in the city of Orenburg and the village of Pervomayskiy (Donguz) had to be evacuated. A fire started and burned for 20 minutes on the loading platform of the rail station while 300 conscripts were inside the facility. The conscripts were evacuated from the facility due to the level of smoke before the explosion occurred where the equivalent of 4,000 tons of TNT detonated. There is conflicting reporting as to whether or not any railcars were involved. FM radio from the area also reports four casualties. A commission has been established to conduct criminal investigations into the incident while first responders handle the initial emergency. Aviation assets have also been placed on alert status with the intent to transport explosive experts, rescuers, psychologists and robotic equipment from Ramenskoye. MI-8 HIP and MI-26 HALO helicopters were dispatched to Donguz from Nizhniy Novgorod. There are 211 personnel and 52 pieces of equipment currently involved in the operation. **MAYBE PROVIDED THROUGH FOIA CHANNELS TO REQUESTOR**

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