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Pueblo Chemical Depot

History of the U.S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depot

Pueblo Chemical Depot in Pueblo, Colo., houses a chemical stockpile which comprises approximately 8 percent of the nation's original chemical materiel stockpile. This stockpile is scheduled for future destruction under the Department of Defense Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives program. The depot's current mission is the safe and secure storage and monitoring of the chemical stockpile, preparation for destruction of the chemical stockpile and preparation for depot closure.

Construction of the depot began in February 1942. The installation was originally named Pueblo Ordnance Depot, and the first carload of ammunition was received in August 1942. Although originally planned for the storage and supply of ammunition, facilities were expanded almost immediately to receive, store, and issue general supplies to support World War II.

In 1946, Pueblo Ordnance Depot was assigned the mission of maintaining and overhauling artillery, fire control, and optical equipment. Two years later, ammunition renovation and demilitarization were added to that mission.

During the Korean War, shipments of general supplies and ammunition increased, and the depot reached its highest civilian strength of nearly 8,000 employees. Missile maintenance was added to the depot's mission in the 1950s and in 1962, the depot was renamed Pueblo Army Depot.

The missile maintenance mission at Pueblo, with the exception of maintenance of the Pershing missile, was transferred to Letterkenny Army Depot in 1974. In 1976, Pueblo was given depot activity status and assigned to the Tooele Army Depot Complex.



Pueblo Chemical Depot has supported the U.S. Army with chemical weapons storage and maintenance throughout history.

In December 1987, the United States and the former Soviet Union entered into the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty. Pueblo was assigned to disassembly and elimination activities. Pueblo completed its INF and Pershing mission in May 1991.

Pueblo Depot Activity was in the forefront of support to Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, shipping a large part of contingency stocks in addition to ammunition and supplies to Southwest Asia.

The Base Realignment and Closure Commission designated the depot for realignment in 1988. The installation was renamed U.S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depot in 1996.



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