



# NEWS RELEASE

## Pueblo Chemical Depot



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 2, 2011

U. S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depot  
45825 Highway 96 East  
Pueblo, Colorado

For More Information Contact:  
PCD Public Affairs Office  
Chuck Sprague (719)549-4135  
Cell (719) 569-1089  
charles.sprague@us.army.mil

### Leaking munitions found at Depot; re-sealed in larger containers

PUEBLO CHEMICAL DEPOT, Colo.— Chemical crews closed out a mustard leaker operation late yesterday afternoon that began almost five months ago when monitoring crews were alerted to trace readings of mustard agent vapors inside a storage structure containing 105 mm projectiles at Pueblo Chemical Depot.

The low-level readings were detected on September 21, 2010, during scheduled weekly igloo monitoring operations.

An air filtration unit was immediately installed on the rear air vent of the storage structure and was in continuous operation until the leaker operations were completed this week.

Chemical crews dressed in personal protective equipment began a slow, systematic operation to isolate individual pallets of stored 105 mm projectiles and discovered a group of five munitions on one pallet with dried, crusted mustard agent on January 6.

Chemical crews transferred the five munitions into larger 12" X 56" sealed, single-round containers last week.

County and state officials were given updates on the operation from the start to yesterday's completion of operations.

All processes were carried out under strict engineering controls, protecting the environment and safety of all depot employees and surrounding communities.

-30-

*The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) with headquarters at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., stores the nation's aging chemical weapons and develops programs aimed at effectively treating and ultimately eliminating chemical warfare materiel. For more information about CMA and its programs, visit [www.cma.army.mil](http://www.cma.army.mil).*