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### CMA Reaches 85 Percent Chemical Weapons Destruction Mark

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. - The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) announced today that on Wednesday, March 23, it achieved destruction of 85 percent of the U.S. chemical agent stockpile since Entry-Into-Force (EIF), when the United States ratified the Chemical Weapons Convention treaty in April 1997.

With this achievement, CMA is left with only 5 percent of its stockpile remaining before completing its mission of destroying 90 percent of the entire U.S. chemical agent stockpile since EIF. The final 10 percent will be disposed of by the U.S. Army Element Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (ACWA) program. CMA is moving forward at a pace that should have mission completion by April 2012.

"Reaching 85 percent demonstrates how dedicated CMA's work force is to the safety of the community, the workers and the environment," said Conrad Whyne, CMA director. "It shows dedication to their country and the safe disposal of the stockpile. I am looking forward to celebrating the end of the mission and a safer tomorrow when we reach 90 percent."

With this achievement, CMA has destroyed 26,019 tons of agent and more than 2.3 million munitions.

This is one of many achievements for CMA over the past year. Workers at the Pine Bluff Chemical Agent Disposal Facility completed destruction of the Pine Bluff chemical stockpile in November 2010, ending a legacy of safe storage operations by the men and women of the Pine Bluff Chemical Activity. CMA achieved 75 percent destruction of its stockpile in July 2010 and 80 percent destruction in October 2010. In April 2010, CMA's Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Project completed a mission at the Pine Bluff Explosive Destruction System site, destroying more than 1,200 recovered munitions.

CMA currently has three remaining sites in operation at Anniston, Ala.; Tooele, Utah; and Umatilla, Ore., where chemical weapons continue to be destroyed. CMA is also safely storing chemical agent munitions at the ACWA sites near Richmond, Ky., and at Pueblo, Colo.

For more information about CMA, please visit [www.cma.army.mil](http://www.cma.army.mil)

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