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LAST NERVE AGENT AT CHEMICAL DEPOT TARGETED FOR DESTRUCTION

DESERET CHEMICAL DEPOT, STOCKTON, Utah – Workers assigned to the Area 10 Liquid Incinerator (ATLIC) project on Deseret Chemical Depot (DCD) today began destruction operations targeting the depot's last stockpiled nerve agent - a relatively small quantity of bulk containers of GA agent, also known as Tabun (pronounced TAY-buhn).

The GA has been stored at DCD since the 1940's, after being seized by the U.S. in Nazi Germany near the end of World War II.

Compared to the depot's main chemical weapons destruction plant, the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (TOCDF), the ATLIC is a smaller-scale incineration system located in the depot's "Area 10," where chemical munitions have been stored for decades. To expedite the safe elimination of the DCD stockpile, and to assist the U.S. Army in meeting an April 2012 deadline under the international Chemical Weapons Convention treaty, the ATLIC is being used to destroy the GA and another relatively small stockpile of bulk containers of Lewisite blister agent while the TOCDF is processing other remaining munitions.

The GA and Lewisite bulk container inventories are considered small because the TOCDF safely has destroyed more than 12,700 bulk containers of GB (Sarin), VX and mustard agent during nearly 15 years of operations.

GA destruction operations are expected to take no more than two weeks to complete. Following that, preparations will begin for the ATLIC's final agent destruction campaign, targeting the depots Lewisite agent stockpile. The entire DCD chemical weapons stockpile is expected to be safely eliminated by early 2012.

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