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CHEMICAL DEPOT DESTROYS ALL REMAINING NERVE AGENT IN STOCKPILE

DESERET CHEMICAL DEPOT, STOCKTON, Utah -- Workers at the Area 10 Liquid Incinerator (ATLIC) today safely destroyed the last of the stockpiled nerve agent stored at Deseret Chemical Depot.

Incineration of the four GA nerve agent-filled bulk containers began less than two weeks ago at a smaller-scale incineration system located in the depot's "Area 10," where chemical agent-filled munitions have been stored since World War II.

The entire U.S. stockpile of GA nerve agent had been safeguarded by workers at the depot from the time the agent was seized by the U.S. in Nazi Germany near the end of World War II.

Preparations will soon begin for the ATLIC's final agent destruction campaign targeting another relatively small stockpile, Lewisite blister-agent, while the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility nears completion of disposal operations for the few remaining mustard agent-filled munitions.

The entire DCD chemical weapons stockpile is expected to be safely eliminated by early 2012.

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