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## Anniston Chemical Activity



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### ANNISTON CHEMICAL ACTIVITY PREPARES FOR STAFFING REDUCTION

ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT, Ala. (November 29, 2011) - Anniston Chemical Activity (ANCA) officials today issued letters to several employees telling them either they will be moved from their current jobs to other positions or they will be separated from civil service effective April 7, 2012.

The Reduction in Force (RIF) is the next milestone associated with ANCA's reorganization after the completion of the chemical munitions storage mission. ANCA's new mission of cleaning and closing storage igloos and the turning in of equipment and facilities requires a smaller staff.

At one time, ANCA was authorized more than 170 positions. ANCA currently has 110 employees. For the closure mission, ANCA is authorized 102 positions. The RIF process is being used to identify which employees have the seniority and skills that match ANCA's closure mission. Lt.Col. Willie J. Flucker, ANCA commander, said that ongoing job searches and other attrition, such as employee retirements, will help to minimize the number of employees who could be separated in April 2012.

Officials note that an Anniston Chemical Activity RIF will not affect Anniston Army Depot employees. ANCA is a subordinate unit of the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA). The RIF will not affect closure activities by contractor employees at the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ANCDF). ANCA employees will have access to job placement and training programs to assist them over the next four months.

Flucker said, "I am very proud of each and every employee who has contributed to the accomplishments ANCA has achieved. However, as our mission has changed, the organization must change. To the employees I will lose I say 'Thank you very much for all you have done.' To those who remain on the ANCA team I say 'Thank you for what you will continue to do.'"

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