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## Blue Grass Chemical Activity

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### Monitors Detect Mustard Vapor Leak

**BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT, Ky.** — Army officials report a Real Time Analytical Platform, a mobile monitoring laboratory, detected low levels of Mustard agent vapor in a chemical weapons igloo containing 155 mm projectiles this morning.

The extremely low level of Mustard agent vapor in the interior atmosphere of the igloo was discovered during routine toxic chemical monitoring of the 155 mm Projectiles. The interior atmosphere of this igloo is monitored on a weekly basis.

Toxic chemical workers have connected a 1,000 cubic feet-per-minute filter to the rear vent of the igloo. Ambient outside air is drawn in the front vent, through the length of the igloo and out the rear vent into the filters which capture all agent particles. This prevents any agent from escaping into the outside atmosphere.

At this time the leak poses no danger or risk to the citizens of Madison or surrounding counties. The Madison County Emergency Management Agency and the Commonwealth of Kentucky Emergency Management Agency were notified of the vapor leak.

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