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RUSH VALLEY RESIDENTS MAY ANTICIPATE DEPOT DETONATION NOISE

DESERET CHEMICAL DEPOT, STOCKTON, Utah -- Environmental remediation contractors are scheduled to begin routine destruction operations for non-chemical agent related Munitions of Explosive Concern (MEC) and Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), collected during surface stabilization of Solid Waste Management Units (SWMU), as early as tomorrow at a remote location on Deseret Chemical Depot.

Depot safety officials say that even though engineering controls are being used to lessen the sound, property owners adjacent to the depot may hear the noise created by the explosions. There is no danger to the local community.

During surface stabilization operations, contractors will remove surface hazards and collect data to facilitate continued environmental remediation of the area. The MEC and UXO is monitored to rule-out contamination prior to consolidation into a pit along with explosive donor charges.

Trained workers will continue to monitor the soil and metallic debris during surface stabilization operations for indications of potential chemical agent contamination. Any items found to be contaminated will be containerized, isolated and later destroyed using equipment specially designed and permitted for that purpose.

Although the depot's chemical weapons storage and destruction missions are complete; environmental cleanup, remediation, and public participation through the depot's Restoration Advisory Board meetings have been under way for many years.

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