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Anniston Chemical Demilitarization Community Outreach Office

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Employees Reach 2.5 Million Safe Work Hours

Workers at the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ANCDF) reached a major safety milestone recently, achieving 2.5 million consecutive hours without a lost-time injury that resulted in days away from work. Based on criteria established by the National Safety Council, this achievement places ANCDF employees among the safest in the nation.

"Safety is paramount in everything we do at ANCDF," said Bob Love, Westinghouse Anniston

incidents for similar industries in the year 2000 was 3.6 cases per 200,000 hours worked. ANCDF's rate is zero cases per 200,000 hours worked.

Westinghouse Anniston, a subsidiary of Washington Group International, operates ANCDF for the U.S. Army. Located about 60 miles east of Birmingham, Ala., ANCDF is designed to destroy tons of chemical nerve and mustard agent contained in thousands of munitions stored at Anniston Army Depot. Operations are tentatively scheduled to begin this summer.

Washington Group also manages three other chemical weapons demilitarization facilities at Umatilla, Ore., Pine Bluff, Ark. and Johnston Island, located southwest of Hawaii.

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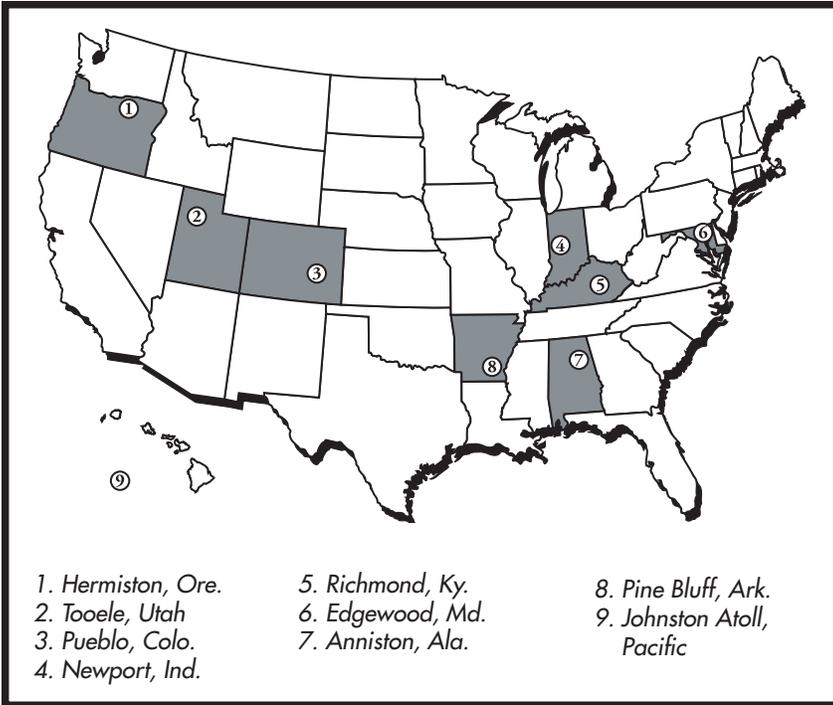
project manager. "I am proud to be part of a workforce where safety is the foundation of each employee's behavior and attitude."

The amazing safety record began on May 19, 2000. At the stroke of midnight on Jan. 31, 2002, the 2.5 million hour milestone was realized. The span equates to 623 consecutive days without a lost-time injury. The average rate of lost day



Anniston facility employees demonstrate their commitment to safety by reaching 2.5 million consecutive hours without a lost-time injury.

An Update of Activities at the Other Stockpile Locations



Johnston Island, Pacific

- The JACADS team continues to proceed with closure activities. Current facility priorities include processing secondary waste in the metal parts furnace, removing excess equipment from the plant and disposing of decontamination solution in the liquid incinerator.

Pine Bluff, Arkansas

- The Army has completed nearly 80 percent construction of the Pine Bluff Chemical Agent Disposal Facility.

Pueblo, Colorado

- The undersecretary of defense is expected to make a technology decision for the Pueblo site later this year.

Umatilla, Oregon

- The Umatilla facility currently is undergoing systemization, with agent operations scheduled to begin in February 2003.

Aberdeen, Maryland and Newport, Indiana

- The Army is investigating options to dispose of the bulk chemical agent stored at these locations.

Richmond, Kentucky

- A Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be released for public comment. The DEIS is an environmental study on impacts the proposed Blue Grass Chemical Weapons Disposal Facility may have on the surrounding environment. A public availability session will be held to provide the public the opportunity to ask questions and comment.

Got Questions about the Chemical Stockpile Disposal program at the Anniston Army Depot?

One of the most valuable services the Anniston Outreach Office (ORO) has to offer is a Speaker's Bureau Campaign. This campaign provides community members with the opportunity to learn more about chemical stockpile disposal from professionals with years of knowledge and experience.

The ORO can arrange for a program expert to address your church, civic group, school or business organization.

For more information or to request a Speaker's Bureau, please call or visit the ORO located at:

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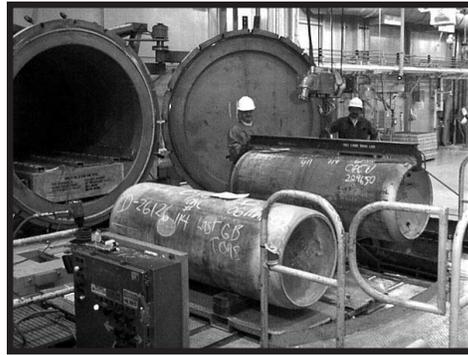
Twenty-Five Percent of U.S. Chemical Stockpile Destroyed

Tooele, Utah Facility Safely Destroys GB Nerve Agent Stockpile

The U.S. Army Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization recently announced that Utah's remaining stockpile of GB (Sarin) nerve agent was eliminated safely. Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility workers now are preparing to destroy VX nerve agent.

"This is a significant milestone for chemical weapons disposal. Forty-four percent of the Utah stockpile is eliminated and more than 25 percent of the nation's entire chemical weapons stockpile is destroyed," said James Bacon, program manager for chemical demilitarization. In November 2000, the Army's Johnston Atoll facility in the Pacific Ocean complete safe destruction of its chemical stockpile.

TOCDF workers destroyed the GB stockpile first because continued storage posed the greatest threat to the community. GB agent has a consistency similar to water and is more likely to vaporize than other agent types. The original GB stockpile, which was stored safely at Desert Chemical Depot in Utah, consisted of 928,906 rockets, bombs, projectiles and bulk containers. The depot stored the Army's largest stockpile of GB agent, more than 12 million pounds. This was twice the amount of GB stored at the nine other U.S. stockpile sites combined.



The last GB bulk container being unloaded in the unpack area of the TOCDF.

Now, the facility equipment will be decontaminated, and international treaty inspectors will certify official completion of the GB agent destruction campaign.

"We are sharing lessons learned during TOCDF's GB destruction campaign with our other chemical weapons disposal facilities to ensure continued safety and environmental stewardship," said Bacon.

The Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, located in Alabama, is conducting tests in preparation for destroying its stockpile, which includes rockets filled with GB agent. The Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, located in Oregon, also is undergoing tests to demonstrate that the facility is prepared for disposal operations to begin next year. Construction is nearly complete on Arkansas' Pine Bluff Chemical Agent Disposal Facility. Technology decisions for the Colorado and Kentucky facilities are expected later this year. And, the Maryland and Indiana facilities are investigating technologies for disposal of bulk chemical agent.

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