



U.S. ARMY CHEMICAL MATERIALS AGENCY

WEEKLY UPDATE

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The Newport stockpile consists of liquid chemical agent VX housed in steel containers.

Continuing the Legacy of Safety

- Our top priority remains the safety of the workers, the surrounding communities and the environment.
- The Newport team is comprised of workers who, because of their combined experience and intensive training, are experts in safely storing, handling and destroying chemical weapons.
- Workers are dedicated to the safe storage of the Newport stockpile until agent destruction operations are completed.
- By safely eliminating Newport's chemical agent stockpile, the workers at NECD are removing the risk posed by continued storage of the stockpile. The United States is safer due to the efforts of the Newport team.

NECD Milestones

- 1962-1968: Newport manufactures all chemical agent VX for the U.S. defense stockpile
- 1969: President Nixon issues a unilateral decree halting production and transport of chemical weapons, including the last two batches of VX produced at Newport
- 1999: Army awards systems contract to Parsons Corporation to design, construct and operate the Newport Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (NECDF)
- 2003: Construction complete
- 2005: Agent destruction operations begin May 5

New This Week at NECDF

Using neutralization technology, workers at the NECDF have safely destroyed approximately 863,591 pounds of agent (approximately 102,324 gallons).

Activities: Workers at the NECDF have safely destroyed one-third of the VX stockpile stored at the NECD. Workers continue the replacement of the back panels on each of the three chemical agent transfer stations, or glove boxes. Agent neutralization will not be interrupted during this maintenance activity. Representatives of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management will conduct their regular monthly meeting and site tour this week.



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