

Current Disposal Campaign



Anniston Chemical Activity and Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility workers are currently handling and demilitarizing VX-filled M55 rockets.



Last 'suspect' rocket demilitarized

89 percent of Anniston VX rockets processed

The last of 5,099 "suspect" VX-filled rockets was processed at the ANCDF on Feb. 12 without any of them burning while being sheared into eight pieces. A few similar rockets did burn while being processed in Arkansas and Oregon. The rocket fires did not cause any injuries. ANCDF rocket processing has safely disposed of more than 89 percent of the VX rockets stored in Anniston. Officials predict the M55 rocket campaign will conclude next month.

Anniston Milestones

- ◆ **July 23, 2006:** VX-filled munition disposal operations begin. To date, 31,914 VX rockets and 36,472 gallons of VX have been safely demilitarized.
- ◆ **August 9, 2003 ~ March 2, 2006:** Safe disposal operations demilitarize all 142,428 GB munitions and 874,436 pounds (96,246 gallons) of GB nerve agent.
- ◆ **1997 ~ 2001:** The Pentagon spends more than \$340 million to build the ANCDF.
- ◆ **1996:** The Pentagon hires Westinghouse Anniston to build, test, operate, and close the ANCDF.

Key Messages

- ◆ The Anniston chemical munition stockpile is safely stored and maintained by the employees of the Anniston Chemical Activity (ANCA) under the command of Lt.Col. Phillip M. Trued, Jr.
- ◆ Disposal is safer than indefinite storage.
- ◆ Since 1990, more than 11,900 tons of chemicals and more than 1,794,300 munitions have been incinerated at U.S. Army facilities.
- ◆ The U.S. Army *IS* committed to the safety of the community and the environment.



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