



## U.S. ARMY CHEMICAL MATERIALS AGENCY

### Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commissions

Public involvement is key to the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency's successful chemical weapons storage and disposal efforts. CMA encourages citizens in communities where chemical weapons stockpiles exist, to become informed about and involved in the safe storage and disposal of the chemical weapons, and to provide input and feedback to the program's decision-making process.

Community members also can give their input about the disposal project to members of their Citizens' Advisory Commission (CAC). The CACs provide a vital public involvement link between the communities, state agencies and the Army. These commissions were formed to represent community interests.

Each CAC consists of an average of nine members comprised of state officials with technical expertise and citizens from the region where the stockpile site is located. Members are appointed by the governor of the state where the stockpile is located. CAC members are not

paid, but the commissions are funded by the Army to cover administrative costs.

The CACs were created as part of the National Defense Authorization Act in 1993 for states in which low-volume chemical weapons stockpiles existed. These states included Indiana, Kentucky and Maryland. CACs were later established in each of the other states that maintained chemical weapons stockpiles: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Oregon and Utah.

Each CAC meets with a representative of the Secretary of the Army at least twice per year, although many meet more often. These meetings are open to the community. At meetings, members discuss the Army's disposal of chemical weapons and how this may affect the state and local communities. CACs can have a significant impact on project activities within a particular state. For example, in Maryland and Indiana the CAC provided valuable input for the Army's selection of the alternative technologies used at those sites.

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