



## U.S. ARMY CHEMICAL MATERIALS AGENCY

# Chemical Weapons Disposal Program Oversight

The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency's (CMA) mission is to dispose of the nation's chemical weapons stockpile, while ensuring the safety of the work force, the public and the environment. CMA reports directly to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisitions, Logistics and Technology. The president, U.S. Congress, and federal, state and independent organizations also closely monitor the program. The following national and international agencies play a role in overseeing the program's activities:

### National oversight

#### U.S. Congress

- Maintains legislative oversight of the chemical demilitarization program
- Provides programmatic direction and funding
- Reviews progress and expenditures

#### National Academy of Sciences

- Provides independent scientific and technical advice
- Oversees program through the National Research Council
- Investigates safety and performance aspects of the program

#### Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Receives and reviews all chemical agent monitoring data
- Reviews all proposed weapons disposal operations
- Certifies public and work force health and welfare

#### U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- Oversees all environmental aspects of the program

#### State and local agencies

- Enforce EPA and state regulations
- Enact stringent state laws to protect public health, work-force safety and the environment
- Oversee disposal operations to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations
- Control emergency preparedness programs

#### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

- Oversees safety for disposal plant employees
- Enforces regulations regarding work force safety and health

#### Office of the Secretary of Defense

- Reviews all disposal site plans and safety requirements
- Confirms that all Department of Defense and Department of the Army safety regulations are met
- Maintains overall responsibility for the program

### International oversight

#### Chemical Weapons Convention

- Prohibits the development, production, stockpile, and use of chemical weapons
- Requires each signatory possessing chemical weapons to destroy them in an environmentally safe manner
- Forbids the disposal of chemical weapons by open-pit burning, land burial or dumping in any body of water

#### The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

- Oversees treaty implementation

To learn more about this program, or to contact your local outreach office, please visit [www.cma.army.mil](http://www.cma.army.mil) or call the CMA Agency Communications Office at (800) 488-0648.

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