



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 neutralization operations begin May 5
- 2007: 50 percent VX neutralization on April 26

### New This Week at NECDF

Using neutralization technology, workers at the NECDF have safely neutralized approximately 1,634,409 pounds of chemical agent VX (approximately 193,657 gallons) or 64 percent of the Newport agent stockpile. The U.S. has received credit for destroying 699,988 pounds of the Newport stockpile under the Chemical Weapons Convention Treaty. The Army receives credit for chemical destruction when the hydrolysate is transferred from shipping containers at a commercial waste treatment facility.

**Activities:** Workers continue conducting scheduled plant maintenance and reviewing operation procedures during a pause in operations to look into higher than normal lab readings for one of the reactor batches. Batch 1,081 will be reprocessed to meet clearance criteria once operations resume. An investigation into the cause of the high readings continues pending initial results and recommended corrective actions. Workers continue processing empty steel containers through the Ton Container Line. Safety of the work force is our top priority.



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