



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

- 1961-1968: 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
- May 5, 2005: VX neutralization operations begin
- April 26, 2007: 50 percent VX neutralization

### New This Week at NECDF

Using neutralization technology, workers at the NECDF have safely neutralized approximately 1,905,277 pounds of chemical agent VX (approximately 225,751 gallons) or nearly 74 percent of the Newport agent stockpile. The United States has received credit for destroying 1,460,004 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 safe neutralization operations. Processing of empty steel containers is paused while workers conduct maintenance activity on the Ton Container Line (TCL). Operations of the TCL will resume later this week.



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