

### Nerve agent VX projectiles



*Anniston Chemical Activity (ANCA) and Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ANCDF) workers began VX-filled 155mm projectile disposal operations on June 3, 2007. VX 155mm projectiles are 27 inches long, weigh 100 pounds, and contain approximately three quarts of liquid VX. Land mine processing will complete the VX disposal campaign at 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 14,420 tons of chemicals and more than 2,046,440 munitions have been safely incinerated at U.S. Army facilities.
- ◆ The U.S. Army *IS* committed to the safety of the community and the environment.



ANNISTON CHEMICAL AGENT DISPOSAL FACILITY AT THE ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT

**MODEL D-60**  
For the few qualified to handle chemical agent-laden waste or munitions, following procedure is the difference between a 'cool job' and a deadly one

## FOLLOWING SUIT

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A steady stream of headlights pierces the early morning darkness as employees drive in and out of a gate on a long strip of road tucked away from busy highways and city streets.

As the van then over a compact industrial complex, its heat exchanger to handle waste and guarded metal gates, some of those employees prepare, step-by-step, to handle chemical agent-laden waste or munitions.

They will wear don gas masks and air tanks and be sealed in white plastic suits much like astronauts, then work in a setting where being loose could kill them.

These workers are the hands that pinch deadly toxins being burned at the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility at the Anniston Army Depot.

But many of the workers who enter this delicate environment say that once they're inside that suit, they're calm.

"You've got to trust your equipment and trust your partner," many employees said.

The workers' work starts at home. They make sure to get enough sleep the night before, drink water and eat a decent meal.

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BUDDY FORD SUITS UP AS HE PREPARES TO HANDLE CHEMICAL AGENT-LADEN WASTE OR MUNITIONS AT THE ANNISTON CHEMICAL AGENT DISPOSAL FACILITY.

ONLINE EXTRA | See video, photos at [annistonstar.com](http://annistonstar.com)

*The Anniston Star* features ANCDF employees  
Media coverage highlights DPE, safety efforts

*The Anniston Star* published an article on March 30, 2008, that featured Westinghouse Anniston employees who make plant entries in the Demilitarization Protective Ensemble (DPE).

### Anniston Milestones

- ◆ **April 14, 2008:** More than 45 percent of Anniston's chemical munitions have been safely incinerated.
- ◆ **June 3, 2007:** VX projectile disposal operations have safely demilitarized 121,461 projectiles and 75,046 gallons of VX.
- ◆ **July 23, 2006 ~ March 8, 2007:** All 35,662 VX-filled M55 rockets and 41,056 gallons of VX are safely demilitarized.
- ◆ **August 9, 2003 ~ March 2, 2006:** All 142,428 GB munitions and 96,246 gallons of GB nerve agent safely demilitarized.
- ◆ **1997 ~ 2003:** Westinghouse Anniston constructs and tests the ANCDF.



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