



The NECDF workers use reactors to neutralize the chemical agent VX stockpile.

Continuing the Legacy of Safety

- Our top priority remains the safety of the workers, the surrounding communities and the environment, and we will continue to operate as such throughout all post-neutralization operations.
- 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 operations are complete.
- By safely eliminating Newport's chemical agent stockpile, the workers at NECDF 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 2,308,781 pounds of chemical agent VX (approximately 273,561 gallons) or 91 percent of the Newport agent stockpile. The United States has received credit for destroying 2,035,183 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 have paused operations to perform a three-day annual required maintenance inspection of the facility. Neutralization of the stockpile will resume Wednesday.



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