

# WEEKLY UPDATE

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# ANNISTON CHEMICAL ACTIVITY

May 19, 2008

### 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 14,550 tons of chemicals and more than 2,084,600 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.



The 6,000th EONC arrives at ANCDF May 5 ANCA responsible for safe delivery of munitions

Since operations began in August 2003, Anniston Chemical Activity (ANCA) employees have safely delivered more than 316,440 GB and VX-filled munitions to the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ANCDF). Westinghouse Anniston Munitions Handler Bobby Bailey checks the paperwork on EONC delivery No. 6,000 May 5, 2008, as fellow Munitions Handler Tommy Smith walks around the trailer in preparation for the lifting of the EONC into the ANCDF Container Handling Building. (Sholin)

#### **Anniston Milestones**

- May 19, 2008: More than 47 percent of Anniston's chemical munitions have been safely incinerated.
- June 3, 2007: VX projectile disposal operations have safely demilitarized 136,757 projectiles and 84,461 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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