



Pollution Abatement System (PAS) Filtration System (PFS) construction continues...

Workers have installed three sulfur-impregnated carbon filters that will be an expansion of the plant's existing PAS. These filters will capture any mercury remaining after incineration of mustard agent-filled bulk storage containers and 4.2 inch HD mortars with elevated levels of mercury.

Workers are also running electrical wire and have completed the frame work for the electrical enclosure structure.

Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing

(as of Sept. 14, 2008)

Total number of mustard agent-filled bulk containers destroyed	2,377
Total number of mustard agent-filled 155mm projectiles destroyed	54,453
Percentage of total mustard agent stockpile destroyed	39.38%

Outreach Office launches new informational video

The end of operations is in sight. That's the message DCD is trying to get out to both employees and the general public, and a new informational video produced by the Tooele Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office is helping spread the word.

"The current video was first done before I started working here," explains Amy Blausler, who has been with the Outreach Office since 1998, "it needed to be updated."

The new video, "Deseret Chemical Depot – Safely Eliminating the Nation's Largest Stockpile of Chemical Weapons," is 12 minutes long and provides a clear picture of the depot's chemical demilitarization process from start to finish.

The video is used as an informational tool and is shown at public events such as the Tooele County Fair and the Community Business Expo.

To request a complimentary copy of the new video, contact the Tooele Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office at (800) 471-1617. The video is also available on the Internet at www.cma.army.mil.

Annual CSEPP drill tests emergency readiness

When it comes to emergencies, Tooele County is known as one of the best prepared counties in the state. This reputation was tested once again on Sept. 10 during the annual Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness exercise.

DCD joined Tooele County Emergency Management (TCEM) and other agencies to exercise response efforts and demonstrate successful cooperation to protect local communities during an emergency. Emergency responders were tested at various locations, both on and off the depot.

DCD emergency personnel responded to a simulated accident involving mustard agent-filled bulk storage containers. As workers were loading the containers, one of the containers spilled its contents, contaminating two employees. (See Exercise – *continued on next page*)

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Reaching out to the community

The Community Business Expo, held Sept. 9 at the Veterans Memorial Park in Tooele and sponsored by the Tooele County Chamber of Commerce, gave hundreds of people the opportunity to learn about the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility. The Outreach Office staff hosted an information booth complete with fact sheets, brochures, and displays at the annual event, which provides an opportunity for businesses to introduce themselves to the community. The Outreach Office staff took advantage of this opportunity to update and inform residents about the Deseret Chemical Depot's demilitarization efforts.

This year's event featured 52 business booths and eight local restaurants and eateries like Denny's, Dimitri's, Cold Stone Creamery and AppleBee's. Attendees could purchase tickets to sample food from all eight restaurants. There were also prizes and live entertainment.

Chamber officials say this year's event attracted approximately 800 people. The Outreach Office has participated in the Community Business Expo for the past three years.



Angela Van Dam, Communications Specialist for the Tooele Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office, discusses DCD's chemical weapons disposal efforts with a Tooele citizen at the Tooele County Chamber of Commerce Business Expo on Sept. 10.

Upcoming Events

- **Oct. 9, 1:00 p.m.** – Utah Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste Control Board monthly meeting. The meeting will be held in Room 101 at the Department of Environmental Quality building, 162 N. 1950 W. in Salt Lake City.
- **Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m.** – DCD Restoration and Advisory Board meeting to discuss environmental clean-up activities associated with the depot. The meeting will be held at the Tooele Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office, 54 S. Main Street in Tooele.



Following a mock accident in the DCD storage area, emergency responders prepare to load an injured worker into an ambulance. Workers successfully demonstrated their emergency readiness during the annual CSEPP exercise.

Exercise

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"The exercise is designed to allow DCD personnel to demonstrate their readiness to respond to a chemical event," explains Ronnie Wilson, DCD CSEPP coordinator. "They did a great job and proved their proficiency to respond to any emergency at the depot."

In response to the event at DCD, the Tooele Community Joint Information Center (JIC) was activated and volunteers quickly responded. The JIC provides a means for various agencies to come together and provide the community and media with timely information about the incident.

In the meantime, Tooele County authorities tested their own response capabilities when a mock earthquake struck, causing major damages in Grantsville. The high school and jr. high school buildings partially collapsed and there was damage to an elementary school. Emergency workers also responded to a two-alarm fire at the Wal-Mart Distribution Center.

TCEM Deputy Director Marilyn Candelaria had spent most of the past year planning for this exercise. "We want to make the scenario realistic and worthwhile for all participants, something that will help them improve their plans and response procedures," Candelaria says. "That way the exercise benefits the entire community."

Evaluators watched the performance of response efforts and will identify areas of improvement in a report, which will be shared with the participating agencies. Through continued practice and training, emergency managers, responders and volunteers from Tooele, Salt Lake and Utah counties will be prepared to handle such a situation in real life.

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