



On July 28, workers at NECDF moved the last TC using a special lift boom on a forklift.

### 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.
- By safely eliminating Newport's chemical agent stockpile, the workers at NECD removed 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 begins
- April 26, 2007: 50 percent VX neutralization
- Aug. 8, 2008: 100 percent VX neutralization

### Newport Ceremony

Using neutralization technology, workers at the NECDF confirmed the safe neutralization of the Newport VX agent stockpile Aug. 8. The Newport Chemical Stockpile Elimination Ceremony will be held Oct. 25 at the South Vermillion High School in Clinton, Ind., beginning at 10 a.m.

This ceremony will commemorate the accomplishments of the work force, past and present. Members of the public are welcome to attend. During the ceremony, a special presentation will be made to citizens of Vermillion County.

Please contact the Newport Outreach Office at 765-828-1367 if there are any additional questions regarding this event.



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