

## Proposed technology poses no significant impact

The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) is evaluating the proposed action for destruction of Deseret Chemical Depot's (DCD's) stockpile of GA and Lewisite agents. A draft report concludes that installation and operation of a small-scale incinerator would have no significant impact to the environment or surrounding communities.

CMA has announced a 30-day public comment period, which concludes on Jan. 22, for its Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to its Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA was prepared to evaluate the environmental effects of the proposed use of a small-scale liquid incinerator to thermally destroy chemical agents GA and Lewisite, as well as the spent decontamination solutions and other liquid wastes generated during operations.

The EA provides information to be considered in making decisions regarding the proposed action and its alternatives. The draft FONSI summarizes findings and makes a recommendation to proceed  
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Tooele County Emergency Management Public Information Officer Wade Mathews reviews a poster illustrating the proposed destruction process for the GA and Lewisite agents stored at DCD.

## CAMDS closure gets new Site Project Manager

With the new year comes a new focus on closure activities at the Chemical Agent Munitions Disposal Systems (CAMDS) located at the Deseret Chemical Depot (DCD). Jerry Linn has been named as the U.S. Army Chemical Material Agency (CMA) Site Project Manager (SPM) for CAMDS. Linn is no stranger to the TOCDF, previously serving for a number of years as a government TOCDF associate project manager based at CMA headquarters in Maryland.



Linn and his staff recently moved into the new CAMDS field office, which provides support to the U.S. Army in oversight of the systems contractor

performing the closure work. As the new CAMDS SPM, Linn serves as the lead manager for the destruction of the CAMDS facility and its secondary wastes. Linn reports to the Tooele Chemical Agent  
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## Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing

(as of Jan. 11, 2008)

Total number of mustard agent-filled bulk containers destroyed	2,891
Total number of mustard agent-filled 155mm projectiles destroyed	54,453
Percentage of total mustard agent stockpile destroyed	46.77%

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## GA/Lewisite

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because of no significant adverse impact to the public or the environment.

The DCD stockpile consists of small quantities of GA and Lewisite stored in Ton Containers (TCs) and is the only stockpile of GA and Lewisite in the United States. Chemical Agent GA is similar to nerve agent GB, producing similar effects, but not as toxic. Of note is the fact that the GA was not produced in the United States; it was transported from Germany at the completion of World War 2. Lewisite is a blister agent, similar to mustard.

Copies of the EA and Draft FONSI may be read or obtained at the Tooele Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office (location and hours listed on the left). These documents and additional information may also be obtained online at [www.cma.army.mil](http://www.cma.army.mil). A final poster session will be held on Jan. 22 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Department of Environmental Quality Building, 162 North 1950 West, Room 101, Salt Lake City.

## Upcoming Events

- **Jan. 22, 5:30 p.m.** – A public poster session will be held to provide information about the CMA Environmental Assessment for the proposed installation and operation of a small-scale incinerator for destruction of chemical agents GA and Lewisite. The meeting will be held at the Department of Environmental Quality Building, 162 N. 1950 W., Salt Lake City.
- **Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m.** – Utah Citizens' Advisory Commission meeting. The meeting will be held at the Department of Environmental Quality Building, 162 N. 1950 W., Salt Lake City.
- **Feb. 12, 1:30 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.

*The Tooele Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office will be closed **Jan. 19** for the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.*



The Pollution Abatement System (PAS) Filtration System (PFS) construction progress continues. The PFS is an expansion of the plant's existing PAS. The exterior of the main PFS building nears completion with installation of the doors and trim remaining. Pre-commissioning of the electrical and mechanical systems is scheduled to begin this month and construction completion is planned for late April.

## Last VX Nerve Agent Munition Eliminated from CMA's Destruction Stockpile

CMA marked the destruction of all VX nerve agent munitions at its destruction sites on Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2008. This milestone occurred with the destruction of the last land mine containing VX at the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ANCDF) in Anniston, Ala.

"I commend Anniston and all CMA destruction sites on this extraordinary achievement. By destroying the VX agent at each of CMA's destruction sites, you have made the world a much safer place," said Conrad Whyne, Director of CMA.

## CAMDS

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Disposal Facility (TOCDF) SPM Ted Ryba, who believes "Jerry's selection brings great value to the CAMDS closure effort."

CAMDS closure work includes the decontamination and demolition of the facilities and equipment. That work will transition from Tennessee Valley Authority to EG&G Defense Materials, Inc. on April 1, 2009, having all closure work at DCD performed by a single systems contractor.

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