



The interior of the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Pollution Abatement System Filtration System, as it looks with construction nearly complete. The mercury-capturing sulfur-impregnated charcoal has been installed in all three filter units and function testing has begun.

### Construction nearing completion

Following a few finishing touches, construction of the new Pollution Abatement System Filtration System (PFS) will be complete. The Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility's (TOCDF) new filter system is designed to capture any mercury remaining after incineration of mustard agent-filled bulk storage containers and 4.2-inch mortars.

In preparation for PFS operations, workers will complete a series of tests to ensure the system meets performance expectations. The tests include systemization and function testing of the filter systems for two Liquid Incinerators (LIC) and the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).

The permitting process for PFS operations has already begun. A Class 3 RCRA permit modification for operation of the filter system for the two LICs and MPF is available for public comment through June 1. PFS operations are scheduled to commence mid-September.

### Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing

(as of May 17, 2008)

Total number of mustard agent-filled bulk containers destroyed	3,484
Total number of mustard agent-filled 155mm projectiles destroyed	54,453
Total number of mustard agent-filled 4.2-inch mortars destroyed	336
Percentage of total mustard agent stockpile destroyed	55.34%

### TOCDF earns workplace safety recognition

EG&G Defense Materials, Inc, and Battelle have received national recognition as they earned "Star" status under the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). The VPP Star status is the highest honor a workplace can achieve.

EG&G and its lab and monitoring subcontractor, Battelle, have become the 71<sup>st</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup> "Star" worksites in OSHA's Region 8. Each organization filed for separate applications and based on a February audit by a team of OSHA and private industry safety professionals, each was individually awarded Star status.

Gary McCloskey, EG&G vice president and TOCDF general manager, said, "This is a tremendous accomplishment for our workers, both EG&G and Battelle's. They led this initiative and worked with management, not only (See STAR STATUS on next page)

### Remembering Deseret

*Former resident and employee shares memories with DCD*

April's Town Hall meeting at the Deseret Chemical Depot (DCD) included a history lesson of sorts. The instructor was former DCD employee Richard Trujillo, who has a strong connection to the depot—he not only worked here (retiring in 2004), but he also lived on base as a child.

"It was a great community to live in," Trujillo shared. During the '40s and '50s, he said, Deseret was a thriving, self-sustained community, with its own post office, bowling alley, nursery, chapel, school, health clinic and commissary. During his Town Hall presentation, Trujillo shared numerous (See DESERET on next page)



This photo shows the civilian housing—complete with clothesline—once located on site at the depot.

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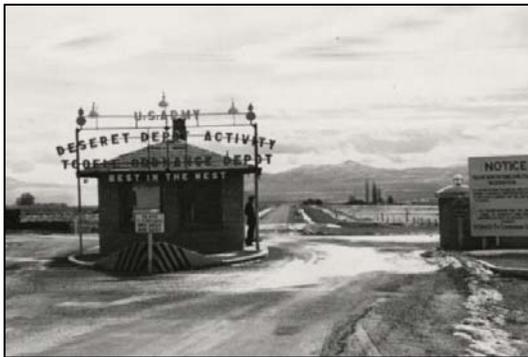
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In 1955, the Deseret Chemical Depot was placed under the command of Tooele Army Depot and underwent major expansion and was known as Deseret Chemical Activity.

## Deseret

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memories: back then Stark Road was known as First Avenue; the main flag pole was made by employees out of scrap metal; and the prisoner-of-war camp located on base was known as "Tin Town" because of the tin structures that housed the World War II prisoners.

Today, only a few remnants remain, including a weathered wooden power pole and the cement walls of a first base dugout, where Trujillo said, fiercely competitive ball games were the norm between Deseret Chemical Warfare Depot (DCWD, as it was then known), Tooele Army Depot and Dugway Proving Ground.

Though the town of Deseret was torn down over the course of five years during the 1960s, some of the original facilities are still standing around the state. A few of the depot's homes can be found in small towns such as Cedar Fort and Fairfield. Deseret's chapel is now the Bible Baptist Church located on Seventh Street in Tooele. Trujillo shared photographs—from both then and now—of these structures, which, he said, are, "Part of the legacy that is still out there, a part of the community that still exists." And, thanks to Trujillo taking the time to share his memories, the town of Deseret lives on in the hearts and minds of DCD employees who may not have known the town once existed.



What was once the Deseret chapel now serves as the Bible Baptist Church of Tooele and is located along Seventh Street.

## Star status

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putting the many pieces into place to prevent accidents and injuries at a high-hazard worksite, but also by building a culture of safety excellence here. OSHA recognition of the TOCDF as a VPP Star site is a welcome validation of our efforts and commitment to a safe workplace."

Dr. Reza Karimi, Battelle TOCDF senior site manager and director of Laboratory Operations, added, "I am grateful to OSHA for recognizing the TOCDF as a VPP Star worksite. Battelle is proud to have such a prominent role in this important national project, and we are committed to conducting our work safely, doing everything we can to ensure the safety of our workers and neighbors in the local communities while protecting our beautiful Utah environment."

In addition to this prestigious honor, workers marked a major industrial safety milestone on April 27—the TOCDF team reached and surpassed seven million consecutive man-hours without a lost workday injury. Congratulations!

## Upcoming Events

- **June 11, 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.
- **June 25, 4:30 p.m.** – Utah Citizens' Advisory Commission annual social and meeting. The meeting will be held at the Ophir City Park.

*The Tooele Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office will be closed May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.*



The injured bald eagle rescued at DCD is now called Freedom. The bird was named by DCD/TOCDF employees at the request of the Great Basin Wildlife Rescue, where the bird continues to recover and will be used in future educational programs and events. The bird's name was voted on during April's DCD Town Hall meeting. All employees who submitted the name Freedom were entered into a drawing. Col. Gerald Gladney drew the winner, Jamie VonWaggoner, a Toxic Material Handler at DCD who recently returned from civil service deployment in Iraq. Commander Gladney hopes Freedom will be allowed to visit the depot once she is fully recovered.

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