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ANNISTON CHEMICAL ACTIVITY

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ANCA stores, moves munitions

Anniston Chemical Activity (ANCA) employees, like those here, have safely moved more than 399,000 nerve agent-filled and mustard agent-filled munitions to the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility for safe, permitted disposal. (Abrams)

Employees have emptied 102 igloos
Anniston stockpile reduced by 59 percent

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. Andrew M. Herbst.
- Disposal is safer than indefinite storage.
- Since 1990, more than 18,030 tons of chemicals and more than 2,219,200 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.

Excess facilities target of early removal
ANCDF team safely manages all site work

The Pollution Abatement System of the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Brine Reduction Area is being removed from the site. Early removal of excess equipment and facilities will help site managers efficiently close the site at the end of mustard-filled munition demilitarization operations. The work is being done under a contract with Farr Contracting and Cleveland Wrecking. *(Sholin)*

Anniston Milestones

- July 2, 2009: The third, and final, chemical agent-filled munition disposal campaign at the ANCDF begins with 4.2-inch mustard mortars. To date, *32,558* mortars, and *15,639* mustard gallons, have been safely demilitarized.
- July 23, 2006 ~ December 24, 2008: All *219,374* VX agent munitions and *196,925* gallons of VX nerve agent are safely demilitarized by ANCDF employees.
- August 9, 2003 ~ March 2, 2006: All *142,428* GB munitions and *96,078* gallons of GB nerve agent safely demilitarized.
- 1997 ~ 2003: Westinghouse Anniston constructs and tests the ANCDF.
- 1997: U.S. ratifies weapons treaty.
- 1963: Anniston Army Depot begins chemical munitions storage mission.

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