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ANNISTON CHEMICAL ACTIVITY

March 4, 2010

ANCA stores, moves munitions

Anniston Chemical Activity (ANCA) employees, like those here, have safely moved more than 463,700 nerve agent-filled and mustard agent-filled munitions to the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility for safe, permitted disposal. (Abrams)

Employees have emptied 108 igloos
Anniston stockpile reduced by 69 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 19,810 tons of chemicals and more than 2,307,180 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.

Treaty executives visit, tour Anniston site
Ambassadors prepare for new leadership

Ambassador Rogelio Pfirter (l), Director General, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), will step down in July. Ambassador Ahmet Üzümcü (r) is the OPCW Director General-elect. They were in Anniston last month as part of the transition process. The OPCW verifies the munitions treaty compliance. *(Abrams)*

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, *99,003* mortars, and *50,145* 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.

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