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ANNISTON CHEMICAL ACTIVITY

March 25, 2010

ANCA stores, moves munitions

Anniston Chemical Activity (ANCA) employees, like those here, have safely moved more than 471,720 nerve agent-filled and mustard agent-filled munitions to the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility for safe, permitted disposal. (Abrams)

Employees have emptied 110 igloos
Anniston stockpile reduced by 70 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 19,890 tons of chemicals and more than 2,327,330 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.

LPMD Machine operations begin with mortars
Local assessment to help project in Colorado

Operation of the Linear Projectile Mortar Disassembly (LPMD) machine at Anniston began when Westinghouse Anniston Mechanical Technician and Munitions Handler Gary Denson placed the first 4.2-inch mustard-filled mortar on the conveyor March 23. Lessons learned in Anniston will help the disposal team in Pueblo, Colo. *(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, *105,883* mortars, and *53,062* 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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