

Contractor 'Cutter Team' safely removed fuzes from munitions



Led by Terry Staggs (r), the Westinghouse Anniston Cutter Team removed the fuzes from 95 mustard-filled 4.2-inch mortars so the munitions could be safely destroyed in the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ANCDF). The fuzes could not be removed using standard robotic equipment. (Creed)



ANCDF operations emptied 134 igloos
Anniston stockpile reduced by 99+ percent

Key Messages

- ◆ The Anniston chemical munitions stockpile is safely stored and maintained by the employees of the Anniston Chemical Activity (ANCA) under the command of Lt.Col. Willie J. Flucker.
- ◆ Disposal is safer than indefinite storage.
- ◆ Since 1990, more than 25,010 tons of chemicals and more than 2,554,420 U.S. munitions have been safely incinerated.
- ◆ The U.S. Army *IS* committed to the safety of the community, the environment, and the work force.



Detonation chamber destroys mustard rounds Team safely recycles chemical munitions scrap

Alabama Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ANCDF) mustard-filled munitions destruction operations are being augmented by operation of a nearby Static Detonation Chamber. A conveyor system is used to safely place problematic mustard-filled munitions in an armored kettle-like chamber. Once it is locked, the chamber is heated to 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit. The munitions explode and the agent is destroyed. The scrap is recycled according to applicable permits and regulations. SDC operations recently passed its 50 percent completion milestone. (Chapman)

Anniston Milestones

- ◆ July 2, 2009 ~ August 5, 2011: The ANCDF team has processed **298,180** mustard-filled munitions and **180,432** mustard gallons.
- ◆ 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 Chemical Weapons Convention, an international weapons treaty.



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