

VX land mine processing begins



Anniston Chemical Activity (ANCA) employees R. Nelson (l) and D. Morrow helped deliver the first VX-filled land mines to the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ANCDF) on August 1, 2008. (Sholin)



ANCDF employees safely start new campaign Land mines contain more than 5 quarts of VX

Westinghouse Anniston Munitions Handler Casey Knighton marks an M23 VX-filled land mine as chemical munition disposal operations resumed at the ANCDF on August 2, 2008. (Sholin)



*ANCDF operations have emptied 87 igloos
Anniston stockpile reduced by 48 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 14,760 tons of chemicals and more than 2,126,600 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.

Anniston Milestones

- ◆ **August 19, 2008:** Since operations resumed, employees have disposed of 2,169 VX M23 land mines and 2,649 gallons of liquid nerve agent.
- ◆ **July 23, 2006 ~ May 24, 2008:** All 139,581 VX projectiles, 35,662 VX rockets, and 131,361 gallons of VX are safely demilitarized.
- ◆ **August 9, 2003 ~ March 2, 2006:** All 142,428 GB munitions and 96,246 gallons of GB nerve agent safely demilitarized.
- ◆ **1997 ~ 2003:** Westinghouse Anniston constructs and tests the ANCDF.
- ◆ **1997:** U.S. ratifies Chemical Weapons Convention (treaty).
- ◆ **1961:** Anniston Army Depot begins chemical munitions storage mission.



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