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The lights shine bright in a nighttime photograph of the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility and neighboring munitions storage area. On Feb. 1, Deseret Chemical Depot marked the end of the surety mission, shutting off the storage area lights.

Click the above photo to view the storage lights as they are turned off for the last time.

Lights out

Depot storage area goes dark

Depot officials have turned off the storage area's perimeter lights—a change of scenery that will not go unrecognized by those who frequently travel through the area after sunset. Now that the storage igloos no longer hold chemical weapons, Deseret Chemical Depot (DCD) officials have marked an end of the depot's surety mission and the lights are no longer necessary.

During a ceremony to commemorate the end of DCD's surety mission, DCD Commander Col. Mark Pomeroy recognized the workforce for their dedication to the safe storage operations.

"It's gone," said Pomeroy as the crowd of nearly 100 depot employees cheered. "With the last igloo emptied and the last round destroyed, that mission is now complete."

Since 1942, generations of depot workers have safely

stored the single-largest and most diverse stockpile in the United States. It required full-time maintenance, as experienced workers routinely checked and monitored every igloo for leaking munitions, isolated and placed leaking rounds in overpack containers, and transported munitions from one igloo to another for re-warehousing and ultimately to their final destination for destruction.

"Let's remember this day, 1 February 2012. Let's remember our accomplishments, great successes and look forward to our change of mission and close this installation with the same enthusiasm and success with which we operated throughout the last 70 years," remarked Pomeroy.

Before they were shut off for the last time, the commander asked the crowd to take one last look at the storage area's perimeter lights that have surrounded the chemical weapons stockpile over the years.

And the countdown began, "5, 4, 3, 2, 1," shouted the crowd as they joined Pomeroy in the countdown. The

storage area lights went dark and the crowd cheered again. With a few tears in the crowd, the employees marked yet another milestone as the depot moves into closure mode.

In July 2013, DCD will officially be transferred to Tooele Army Depot (TEAD) and become TEAD South Area once again.



Employees brave the cold morning weather as they gather to listen to Deseret Chemical Depot (DCD) Commander Col. Mark Pomeroy declare an end to DCD's surety mission.

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Deseret Chemical Depot (DCD) Commander Col. Mark Pomeroy signs a memo to the Director of the Chemical Materials Agency, officially certifying that the DCD storage area is empty of all declared chemical weapons. The last munition was shipped to the Area 10 Liquid Incinerator on Jan. 17 and destruction operations concluded on Jan. 21.

Army names acting director for Chemical Materials Agency

Former Deseret Chemical Depot (DCD) employee, Don E. Barclay is appointed as the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) Acting Director, effective February 26, 2012.

Barclay holds a strong connection with DCD, where he first worked in chemical agent operations in 1993 when he served as risk manager for DCD's Chemical Agent Munitions Disposal System (CAMDS), and eventually became CAMDS' director in 1997.

Barclay assumes this interim role on the heels of CMA's former director, Mr. Conrad F. Whyne and his recent appointment as Program Executive Office – Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (PEO-ACWA). Whyne was named PEO-ACWA on January 24, 2012.

Barclay has been the Deputy Director for CMA since February 17, 2008. Prior to that, Barclay was Site Project Manager at CMA's Umatilla (Ore.) Chemical Agent Disposal Facility from 2001 to 2008.



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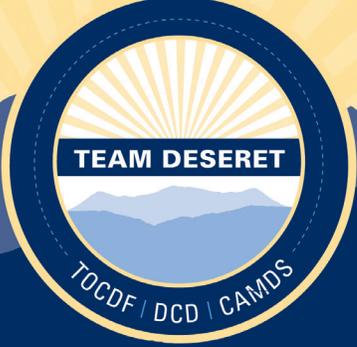
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End of Operations Ceremony



Save the Date

APRIL 26, 2012

Deseret Chemical Depot | 10 a.m.



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CAMDS demo underway

Nearly 40 years after its construction began, the Chemical Agent Munitions Disposal System (CAMDS) is being torn down. Demolition got into full swing this week as crews started to tear apart the Equipment Test Facility. A handful of employees watched as the massive equipment easily tore through the structure.

"Wow," said Tim Hutson, URS CAMDS closure project manager. "We are finally here."

Readying CAMDS for demolition started in 2006. Non-toxic structures and equipment were torn down and recycled, if possible, (such as the iconic water tower), salvaged (the 1940s CAMDS railcar that is now at a Utah museum) or sent off-site for reuse (the explosive containment cubicle that is now at the Army's Edgewood Chemical Biological Center). All equipment and structures that were or possibly could have come into contact with chemical agent were decontaminated and decommissioned. Thorough tests and monitoring were then conducted to ensure contamination levels were within accepted safety limits before demolition could begin.

Soil sampling will continue during the early part of demolition. Nearly 150 samples will be taken from areas that are known or suspected to be contaminated by either chemical agents, metals, Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) or semi-VOCs.

"All of the soil samples will be taken before demolition starts in that particular area so that the soil being sampled remains undisturbed," explained Heather Jansen, CAMDS field office lead.

The soil sampling is required under the CAMDS closure permit and will determine if additional remediation will be needed once demolition and debris cleanup is finished. URS CAMDS Demolition Project Manager, Randy Fowles, said the demolition schedule will be closely coordinated with the transportation of debris, which will be taken to a permitted hazardous waste landfill for disposal. Fowles said demolition of CAMDS will continue over the next few months and is expected to be completed by the end of May.

For 25 years, from September 1979 to January 2005, CAMDS developed and tested methods for destroying chemical weapons. Its research encompassed all aspects of chemical demilitarization, from the proper handling of munitions to the treatment and disposal of secondary waste.



Demolition of the Chemical Agent Munitions Disposal System (CAMDS) facilities started Tues., Feb. 14, 2012. Heavy equipment quickly tore through the former Equipment Test Facility (ETF), a building that was once used to develop and test many chemical demilitarization processes and techniques. Demolition and debris cleanup is expected to take approximately three months.

Click the above photo to view demolition of the ETF as it gets underway.

"CAMDS was the foundation on which all other chemical weapons destruction facilities, including TOCDF, were based," said CAMDS Site Project Manager Jerry Linn. "The work done here at CAMDS should never be forgotten."



Workers Will Mullen and Tyler Parry access soil from under the cement floor of the Bulk Item Facility at CAMDS. About 150 soil samples are being taken from various CAMDS locations. The sampling will determine if additional cleanup is needed.

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