



Dr. A. Tom Hopkins, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Threat Reduction and Arms Control, was a keynote speaker at CMA's End of Operations ceremony on May 17, 2012.

U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency Celebrates End of Chemical Agent Demilitarization Operations

The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) successfully completed its stockpile disposal mission on Jan. 21, 2012, and held a formal ceremony on May 17, 2012, in recognition of this achievement. CMA eliminated nearly 90 percent of the United States' declared chemical agent stockpile—more than 27,000 tons of chemical nerve and blister agents contained in more than 2.3 million munitions and bulk containers.

Current and former employees, as well as notable guests gathered to celebrate the end of CMA's stockpile disposal operations. Speakers included: Mr. Don Barclay, Acting Director, CMA; Mr. Conrad Whyne, former CMA Director and current Program Executive Officer, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives; Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Claude M. Bolton, Jr., former Assistant Secretary of the Army, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology; Ambassador Robert P. Mikulak, U.S. Permanent Representative to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW); Ambassador Ahmet Üzümcü, Director-General of the OPCW; Mr. Carmen Spencer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for the Elimination of Chemical Weapons and Dr. A. Tom Hopkins, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Threat Reduction and Arms Control.

"CMA has shown the world that tough jobs can be accomplished safely," said Spencer. "CMA has achieved tens of millions of consecutive safe hours worked, and the numbers show that working in a CMA chemical demilitarization plant is as safe as working at a software publishing company. That's a stellar accomplishment."

CMA's seven sites that completed disposal operations are: Johnston Atoll Chemical Agent Disposal Facility in the South Pacific; Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, Md.; Newport Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, Ind.; Pine Bluff Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, Ark.; Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, Ala.; Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, Ore.; and Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, Utah.

With completion of its disposal mission, CMA headquarters will focus on its remaining missions: installation management at Pueblo Chemical Depot; the assessment and destruction of recovered chemical warfare materiel; managing and closing the four remaining destruction facilities in Alabama, Arkansas, Utah and Oregon; safely storing the remaining chemical weapons stockpiles in Kentucky and Colorado; supporting the communities surrounding the Kentucky and Colorado stockpiles with emergency management planning and carrying out the Chemical Weapons Convention treaty mission as the Army's Executive Agent.

"I am proud to be a part of such a fine organization. Our employees have worked hard to reach this accomplishment, and I look forward to successfully completing the remaining missions," said Barclay.

Umatilla Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program Closed

The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) for Umatilla and Morrow Counties in Oregon and Benton County in Washington completed their closeout activities on May 14, 2012, and officially terminated the CSEPP in those areas. The 180-day closeout period began when the Umatilla Chemical Depot and the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility notified the Defense Threat Reduction Agency on Nov. 15, 2011, that all declared chemical warfare materiel had been destroyed. The CSEPP closeout marks the end of a successful partnership between the U.S. Army, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the State of Oregon, the State of Washington and the local communities surrounding the Umatilla Chemical Depot. As a result of the CSEPP, these communities are better prepared to handle any future emergencies.

June is National Safety Month

Did you know overexertion is the third leading cause of unintentional injuries in the United States, accounting for about 3.2 million emergency room visits? Statistics like these get emphasized each June, when the National Safety Council encourages organizations to get involved and participate in "National Safety Month," or NSM. Each week of the month has a different theme promoting safety in order to influence behaviors around the leading causes of preventable injuries and deaths.

Check out how you can participate in this year's 2012 weekly themes:

Week 1: Employee wellness and PALA+ Challenge

Week 2: Ergonomics

Week 3: Preventing slips, trips and falls

Week 4: Driving safety

Visit the National Safety Council's website for tips on avoiding injury and tools to get your office involved in the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award Plus (PALA+) challenge:

http://www.nsc.org/nsc_events/Nat_Safe_Month/Pages/home.aspx?VanUrl=nsn

Check out the Pueblo Chemical Depot's Official Facebook Page!

The Pueblo Chemical Depot (PCD) recently launched an official Facebook page with current information, news and photos from the Pueblo Chemical Depot Public Affairs Office.

PCD's primary function is the safe and secure storage and protection of 2,611 tons of mustard agent part of the national stockpile of chemical munitions.

Be sure to check out the PCD Facebook page soon! Please "like" the page and feel free to share it with friends!

For more information, visit:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Pueblo-Chemical-Depot/190556161005811>



The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Project (NSCMP) hosted discussions with a Libyan Delegation regarding CMA's Recovered Chemical Warfare Materiel assessment and treatment capabilities. In addition, the group toured NSCMP's exclusive assessment and treatment equipment at the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility including the Mobile Munitions Assessment System, Explosive Destruction System, an Interim Holding Facility and the Mobile Command Post.