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Before and after photos show the change in landscape following demolition of the Chemical Agent Munitions Disposal System. The remaining buildings continue to provide support for closure activities at the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (TOCDF) and will be removed as demolition of the TOCDF gets underway.



CAMDS closure work complete

The final closure package for Deseret Chemical Depot's Chemical Agent Munitions Disposal System (CAMDS) has been submitted to the Utah Department of Solid and Hazardous Waste (DSHW). URS officials anticipate state approval to be granted by next month, officially marking the end of CAMDS.

While demolition of the facility was completed last spring, a lot of work was still left to be done before officials could close the book. Since then, URS has completed a sampling project involving a collection of soil and groundwater samples and a rigorous data review process to demonstrate that the remaining soils meet the closure standards and quality guidelines defined in the CAMDS Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Closure Plan.

URS Environmental Engineer Bill Kaiser further explained that closure of the CAMDS facility also had to be certified by an independent, registered Professional Engineer (PE), as required by the RCRA permit. The contracted PE firm "monitored and reviewed RCRA closure activities and documentation associated with each building and certified the activities were performed in accordance with the requirements in the approved CAMDS Closure Plan," said Kaiser.

CAMDS is where the U.S. Army's first formal chemical weapons destruction efforts began. For more than 25 years, CAMDS developed and tested chemical weapons destruction methods and procedures, destroying more than 363,000 pounds of chemical agents and more than 40,000 munitions during that time.

"Closure of CAMDS is an important milestone. It is a great accomplishment that was realized through hard work by many different employees with many different skills," stated Kaiser.



Demolition of CAMDS took place between February and May 2012. With the use of heavy equipment, crews quickly brought buildings to the ground.

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