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ANNISTON CHEMICAL ACTIVITY

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ANCA stores, moves munitions



Anniston Chemical Activity (ANCA) employees, like those here, have safely moved more than 460,600 nerve agent-filled and mustard agent-filled munitions to the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility for safe, permitted disposal. (Abrams)



Safe munition processing resumes at ANCDF

Employees carefully, safely handle mortars

Sheria Robertson, a Westinghouse Anniston munitions handler, prepares to place a mustard chemical agent-filled 4.2-inch mortar on the conveyor in support of safe chemical stockpile disposal operations earlier this month. (Sholin)

Anniston Milestones

- ◆ **July 2, 2009:** The third, and final, chemical agent-filled munition disposal campaign at the ANCDF begins with 4.2-inch mustard mortars. To date, **94,875** mortars, and **47,795** mustard gallons, have been safely demilitarized.
- ◆ **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 weapons treaty.
- ◆ **1963:** Anniston Army Depot begins chemical munitions storage mission.



*Employees have emptied 107 igloos
Anniston stockpile reduced by 69 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 19,730 tons of chemicals and more than 2,298,850 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.



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