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Igloo and warehouse cleanup nearing completion

Less than 10 percent to the finish line

Deseret Chemical Depot (DCD) has 13 storage igloos and 6 warehouses left to finish cleaning up in preparation to turn them over to Tooele Army Depot (TEAD) in July 2013, when TEAD acquires command of DCD's property.

"We have a total of 208 igloos and 34 warehouses that we are responsible for cleaning and monitoring to ensure that no chemical agent remains," explained Linda Webster, DCD production controller. "We use an optically enhanced flame photometric detector, which is a near-real time monitoring tool that allows us to test the structures to the stringent monitoring guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

Each structure is first treated with a bleach solution to decontaminate the area and protect workers from the Hanta Virus when they sweep out the structures. Both the igloos and warehouses undergo the same rigorous cleaning process, except that the igloos require a preliminary spot-check inspection and pressure washing, which the warehouses do not.

Workers thoroughly inspect each igloo for stains that could be agent contaminated; these spots are isolated and monitored. If agent is detected, workers decontaminate the area and re-monitor, which would be repeated until the spot monitors clean. Out of the 195 igloos already cleaned, none of them have come back with any agent readings.

Finally, workers prepare the igloo or warehouse for the final monitoring stage. The structures are then sealed, heated to 70 degrees Fahrenheit for 24 hours and then monitored for chemical agents. If no agent is detected during this phase than the structures are considered clean and ready for TEAD to take over.

DCD is working to finish up these cleaning activities by May or June of next year, in time for the depot property transfer.



Deseret Chemical Depot (DCD) workers Frank DeHerrera and Scott Bevan pressure wash one of the 208 storage igloos at DCD in an effort to clean all the igloos, ensuring they are free of agent contamination before being transferred to Tooele Army Depot in July 2013.



Employees come together for the depot's last tree lighting ceremony. With the transfer to Tooele Army Depot (TEAD) in July 2013, Deseret Chemical Depot will become TEAD South Area once again.

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Tis' the season for giving

As the holiday season approaches, employees at Deseret Chemical Depot (DCD) have come together once again to continue their annual holiday tradition of giving. Each year, the DCD and Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (TOCDF) workers collect food, toys and clothing to help those in need.

A variety of efforts have been arranged by DCD and TOCDF employees, providing different ways for

employees to donate. The TOCDF Field Office (FO) kicked off the holiday season mid-year with a "Christmas in summer" food drive, followed by two additional food drives in November and December. DCD employees also held two food drives during this holiday season. In the end, contributions from DCD and TOCDF employees brought in more than 2000 pounds of food to help stock the empty shelves at the Tooele County Food Bank.

DCD employees continued their annual tradition of collecting toys for the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. Through TOCDF's "Operation Christmas," workers have been collecting and delivering toys and winter clothing to the Tooele County Resource Center on a weekly basis.

This is the time of the year when the need for charitable donations increase. Thanks to the DCD and TOCDF workers, more families will be able to enjoy the holidays this year.

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(above) Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Field Office employees (far left) Meghan Mansanarez and Jennifer Roberts make the final delivery of 627 pounds of food and other items to the Tooele County Food Bank. Together, DCD and TOCDF employees delivered more than 2,000 pounds goods. (right) Continuing Deseret Chemical Depot's (DCD's) annual tradition, DCD Commander Col. Mark Pomeroy presented a large collection of toys to fellow soldiers representing the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. Each year, DCD employees donate several toys in support this holiday event.

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Don Smith, an employee with Santa Rita (URS subcontractor) uses a torch to deface a Simulated Equipment Test Hardware (SETH) munition. SETH munitions are inert and simulant-filled replicas of actual chemical weapons and were used to confirm that a disposal facility is ready to process chemical weapons. Because these particular SETH munitions are no longer needed, they will be recycled as scrap metal. Once the SETH munitions have all been inventoried, defaced, and separated, they will be shredded and smelted. More than 475 SETH munitions, including 155mm and 105mm projectiles and 4.2-inch mortars, will be recycled.

