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ANCDF Prepares for Surrogate Trial Burns

Now that construction of the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ANCDF) is complete, the facility is preparing to conduct a series of tests, called surrogate trial burns, to demonstrate that it is prepared to safely destroy chemical agent and munitions. Surrogate trial burns test the liquid incinerator, deactivation furnace and the metal parts furnace's ability to destroy "surrogate" chemicals that are more difficult to destroy than actual chemical agent. In addition, the trial burns provide the data necessary to prove that the facility will meet and maintain the required safety and environmental standards set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) and other various regulatory agencies.

Surrogate trial burns are required by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit, which is issued by ADEM. The RCRA permit stipulates that the facility's liquid incinerator must demonstrate the ability to effectively treat agent while ensuring the maximum protection of human health and the environment.



ANCDF workers preparing for trial burns

The surrogate chemicals and metals used for the trial burns are a combination of organic compounds found in actual agent. This combination of chemicals produces a substance that is more resistant to destruction, making it even more difficult to destroy than actual chemical agent. The trial burns are conducted in the facility's liquid incinerator, which is designed specifically to destroy the chemical agents stored in Anniston. In conducting the trial burns, the liquid incinerator will be operated at both high and low temperature ranges to prove the furnaces' ability to incinerate and destroy the surrogate chemical.

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Spotlight On: Kevin Knox

By Mike Abrams, ANCDF Public Affairs Officer

Kevin Knox stands out in a crowd. He has a ready smile for anyone who makes eye contact with him. He has a distinctive, infectious laugh that can be heard frequently wherever he goes. And, by the way, he is tall - 6 feet, 2 inches.

There is more to Knox than just a good personality. The Burbank, Calif., native is a respected human resources specialist and is responsible for recruiting and hiring Westinghouse employees to work on the Anniston chemical weapons disposal project. A retired U.S. Navy senior chief petty officer, Knox has an extensive military and human resources background that makes him an asset to the project. His naval assignments while on active duty included the cruiser USS Virginia and the nuclear powered fleet ballistic missile submarine USS George Washington. After serving in the Navy, Knox joined Westinghouse's Hanford, Wash., facility, where he worked as an operations technician for almost 12 years. Knox then had a succession of positions, primarily as an Equal Employment Opportunity specialist with Bechtel, Washington Public Power Supply System and Battelle.

Now, another side of Knox can be "heard" coming from CD players throughout the area. Knox and two friends, Ken Legé and Dale Guyer, recently recorded a CD with a number of original contemporary Christian songs. The singing group calls itself Hosanna, and their debut CD is entitled "reaching for His highest."

The group met at church in 1999 when Knox moved to Anniston. The new group first formed to lead the parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Jacksonville on Sunday mornings. Legé is an agronomist, specializing in soil care and raising crops, and Guyer is a former U.S. Coast Guardsman who now works as a paramedic examiner for insurance



Kevin Knox

companies. Though their backgrounds and professional lives are quite different, they have become close friends through their faith and love of music. Initial thoughts of a possible CD began about one year ago. Hosanna collectively wrote 17 songs during the first half of 2001.

Knox's interest in music began at a young age. Like many youngsters, Knox asked his parents for a drum set. When his parents took him to a local music store to buy a drum set, he realized he wanted to play the guitar instead.

"My parents, at Christmas time, got me a guitar and I took six lessons. I wanted to play rock and roll or something with a little feeling like Elvis and Peter, Paul and Mary," said Knox. "The next Christmas, my parents bought me the first music I ever had. And, I still have that Peter, Paul and Mary songbook."

Knox and his wife Janet were college sweethearts. They both attended Umpqua Community College in Winchester, Ore. Knox later earned a bachelor's degree from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas. Married for 25 years, they have two daughters. Kristina is a graphic designer in Birmingham. Kariann is attending Gadsden State Community College on a softball scholarship.

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Are You Involved?

Outreach Office Offers Services and Resources

The Anniston Chemical Demilitarization Community Outreach Office (ORO) provides the community with easy access to information about the chemical weapons disposal program at the Anniston Army Depot. Our goal is to keep you informed, updated and involved.

That goal keeps us on our toes. From January through November 2001, the ORO staff spoke with more than 4,000 area residents. We enjoyed meeting many of you at local fairs and other community events.

You can help the Army and your neighbors by letting us know when your civic group, school, business, church, organization or community has a planned event or outing. We support all of the fairs and festivals in our area. We have spoken to many of you through our Speakers Bureau campaign, and we appreciate your interest in the disposal facility updates at the Anniston Army Depot. The outreach team understands that people have varied interests in the program as well as different schedules and preferences for receiving information. Following are some questions you may have:

What is the ORO?

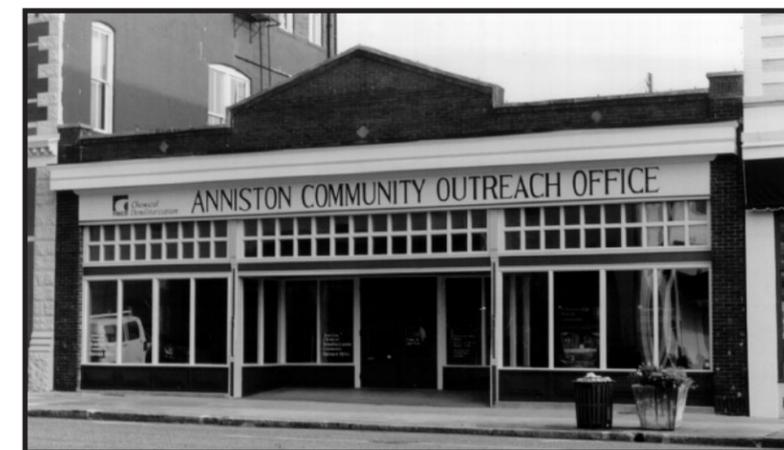
The ORO serves the community as an information center for the Army's Chemical Stockpile Disposal Program.

We offer information specific to the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility and provide factual information about the Army's disposal plans for the chemical weapons stored at the Anniston Army Depot.

The office is a place where you can ask questions or provide comments on the disposal program.

What can the ORO provide for you?

One of the most valuable services we offer is the Speakers' Bureau campaign. Learn more



The Anniston Outreach Office, located in downtown Anniston

about the Chemical Stockpile Disposal Program from professionals with years of knowledge and experience.

We can arrange for one or more of our program experts to address your civic group, organization, school, church or business.

What resources are available at the ORO?

There are many resources at the outreach office, including:

- Fact sheets
- News clippings
- Opportunities to participate in roundtable discussions on chemical demilitarization
- Videos
- Public interactive workstation

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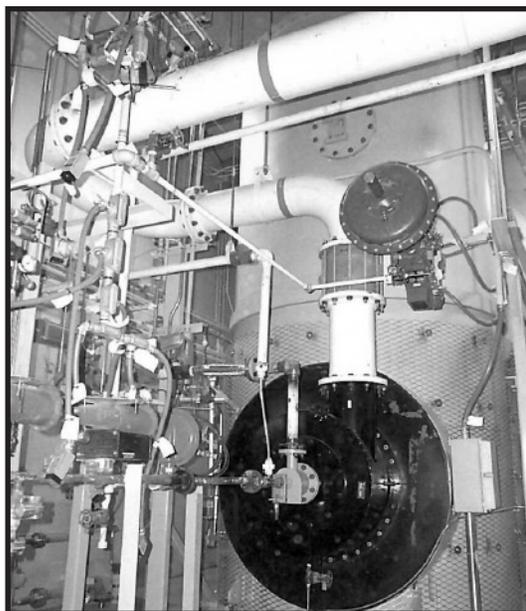


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“During the surrogate trial burns, the liquid incinerator must achieve a destruction and removal efficiency of 99.99 percent,” explained ANCDF Site Project Manager Timothy Garrett. “By achieving this rate, we will ensure the safety of our workers, community and environment.”

The surrogate trial burn process, which occurs over a nine-day period, will begin this winter.

If you would like more information concerning the surrogate trial burns being conducted at ANCDF, please visit the ORO located at 11 East 10th Street or call us at 256-238-0120.



Liquid incinerator at ANCDF

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