



U.S. ARMY CHEMICAL MATERIALS AGENCY

# WEEKLY UPDATE

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## NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT | December 12, 2006



The Newport stockpile consists of liquid chemical agent VX housed in steel containers.

### Continuing the Legacy of Safety

- Our top priority remains the safety of the workers, the surrounding communities and the environment.
- The Newport team is comprised of workers who, because of their combined experience and intensive training, are experts in safely storing, handling and destroying chemical weapons.
- Workers are dedicated to the safe storage of the Newport stockpile until agent destruction operations are completed.
- By safely eliminating Newport's chemical agent stockpile, the workers at NECD are removing the risk posed by continued storage of the stockpile. The United States is safer due to the efforts of the Newport team.

### NECD Milestones

- 1962-1968: Newport manufactures all chemical agent VX for the U.S. defense stockpile
- 1969: President Nixon issues a unilateral decree halting production and transport of chemical weapons, including the last two batches of VX produced at Newport
- 1999: Army awards systems contract to Parsons Corporation to design, construct and operate the Newport Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (NECDF)
- 2003: Construction complete
- 2005: Agent destruction operations begin May 5

### New This Week at NECDF

Using neutralization technology, workers at NECDF have safely destroyed approximately 882,277 pounds of chemical agent VX (approximately 104,538 gallons) or roughly 34 percent of the agent stockpile.

Activities: Agent neutralization operations are paused while workers conduct semiannual preventative maintenance to the agent reactor systems. Agent operations are scheduled to resume Thursday. Workers will continue draining VX into storage tanks and decontaminating the emptied steel containers during the neutralization system maintenance.



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