



U.S. ARMY CHEMICAL MATERIALS AGENCY

# WEEKLY UPDATE

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## NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT | May 8, 2007



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.

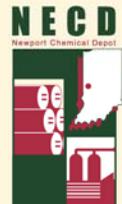
### NECD Milestones

- 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 the NECDF have safely destroyed approximately 1,300,427 pounds of chemical agent VX (approximately 154,084 gallons) or 51 percent of the agent stockpile.

Activities: Workers at the NECDF continue to safely destroy the chemical agent VX stored at the Newport Chemical Depot. The Ton Container Line has processed 837 empty steel containers.



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