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Newport Chemical Depot

Newport Chemical Depot Base Realignment and Closure *Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority*

The Newport Chemical Depot (NECD) safely completed the mission to safely store the chemical agent VX stockpile while workers at the Newport Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (NECDF), a tenant on the NECD, completed agent destruction operations. Agent neutralization operations were completed Aug. 8, 2008, bringing Newport's mission to completion.

The Defense BRAC Act of 1990, Public Law 101-510, defines the process Department of Defense (DoD) installations will undergo for closure and/or realignment. Under the BRAC process, the Secretary of Defense made a recommendation for the closure of NECD to a nine-member BRAC commission. The commission reviewed the recommendation and made their recommendation to the President. The President reviewed the recommendation and forwarded to Congress, and then the recommendation of the commission went into effect. On Nov. 10, 2005, the BRAC Commission's recommendations for reshaping the DoD's infrastructure were passed into law, including the recommendation for closure of the NECD. In accordance with BRAC guidance, the DoD must complete installation closure by Sept. 15, 2011.

For the local community, closure brings the end of an era. Since the depot opened in the 1940s, many local residents have worked at the depot supporting the Army's various missions. The depot currently is the largest employer in Vermillion County, Ind.

The Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) is the DoD's primary source for assisting communities that are adversely impacted by Defense program changes, including base closure. To assist affected communities, OEA manages and directs the Defense Economic Adjustment Program and coordinates the involvement of other federal agencies.

Economic adjustment assistance provides a community-based approach for assessing economic

hardships caused by DoD program changes by identifying and evaluating alternative courses of action, identifying resource requirements and assisting in the preparation of an adjustment strategy or action plan to help communities help themselves.

OEA staff have a range of experience in economic and community development, land use planning, real estate redevelopment, federal real property programs, military programs and worker adjustment. Project managers also bring a working knowledge of other federal agencies and their respective programs to help communities put together an adjustment program combining federal, state, local and private resources.

While realignment or closure actions may adversely impact the economies of surrounding communities, they also provide new opportunities for the local economic development utilization of surplus property as part of a community's economic adjustment strategy. OEA offers technical and financial assistance to state and local governments for base reuse plans and studies, staffing, and operating and administrative costs required to facilitate reuse of former military property. OEA works closely with the Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority (NECDRA). NECDRA board members serve in an advisory capacity regarding depot property reuse issues.

The Vermillion County Commissioners appointed Bob Rendaci, Tom Milligan, Jack Fenoglio, Arden Kilgore and Albert Clark to the NECDRA board.

For more information visit www.necdra.com or call (765) 832-3870.



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