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History of Pueblo Chemical Depot

Construction of the Pueblo Ordnance Depot began in February 1942 with the first carload of ammunition received in August 1942.

Although originally planned for the storage and supply of ammunition, almost immediately facilities were expanded to receive, store and issue general supplies to support World War II.

In 1946, Pueblo was assigned the mission of maintaining and overhauling artillery, fire control and optical equipment. Two years later, ammunition renovation and demilitarization were added to that mission.

During the Korean War, shipments of general supplies and ammunition increased, and the depot reached its highest civilian strength of nearly 8,000 employees. Missile maintenance was added to the depot's missions in the 1950s and in 1962, the depot was renamed Pueblo Army Depot.

The missile maintenance mission at Pueblo, with the exception of maintenance of the Pershing missile, was transferred to Letterkenny Army Depot in 1974. In 1976, Pueblo was given depot activity status and assigned to the Tooele Army Depot Complex.

In December 1987, the United States and the then-Soviet Union entered into the Intermediate-Range Nuclear



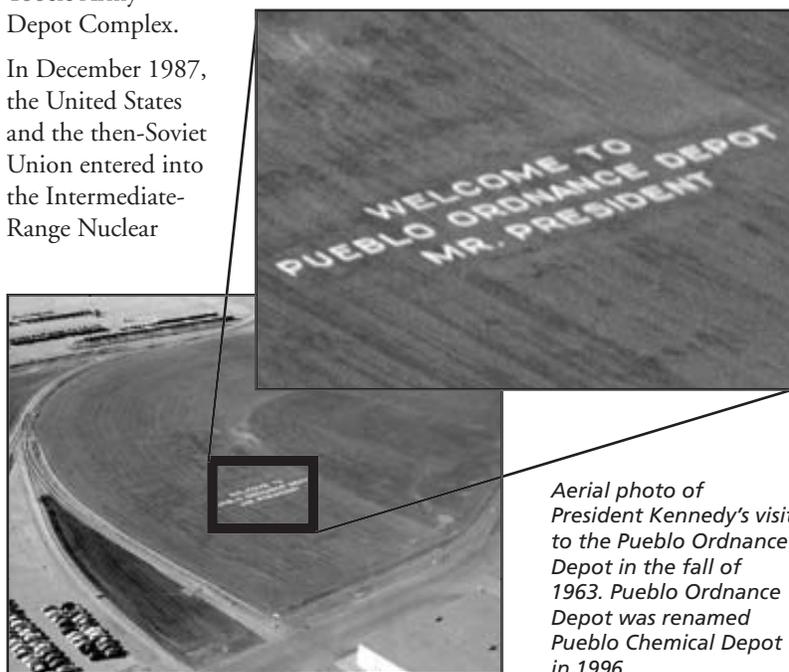
First Engine on the Zero Defects Line, December 1965—Pete Trujillo, Gustave Vigil and James Owens are rebuilding an oil pump and assessor case for an M48 engine.

Forces (INF) Treaty. Pueblo was assigned to do disassembly and elimination. Pueblo completed its INF and Pershing mission in May 1991.

Pueblo Depot Activity was in the forefront of support to Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm shipping a large part of contingency stocks, in addition to ammunition and supplies to Southwest Asia.

The depot was designated for realignment by the 1988 Base Realignment and Closure Commission. The installation was renamed Pueblo Chemical Depot in 1996.

The depot's current mission is the safe and secure storage of chemical weapons, while setting the conditions to return depot land and facilities to the Pueblo community.



Aerial photo of President Kennedy's visit to the Pueblo Ordnance Depot in the fall of 1963. Pueblo Ordnance Depot was renamed Pueblo Chemical Depot in 1996.

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Disposal mission progressing nationwide

Aberdeen, Maryland

- On Sept. 6, 2002, the Army celebrated construction completion of its accelerated disposal facility located on Aberdeen Proving Ground. The facility now is undergoing an extensive, six-month testing period to prepare for the March 2003 start of disposal operations.
- Using the accelerated neutralization process, the stockpile will be destroyed by September 2003, nearly two years ahead of the original schedule.

Anniston, Alabama

- The Army is seeking permit modifications that will decrease the disposal schedule by nine months. Modifications include changing the order in which weapons are incinerated and processing two weapon types at the same time. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is reviewing the permit request.

Hermiston, Oregon

- Gov. John Kitzhaber approved the Army's surrogate trial burn plan, enabling the Army to proceed with demonstrating that the facility can incinerate chemicals that are more difficult to process than actual chemical agent.
- Currently, the facility is conducting surrogate trial burns and will begin agent disposal operations next year.

Johnston Island, Pacific

- The JACADS team continues to proceed with closure activities including processing secondary waste and removing equipment.
- Final closure is scheduled for January 2004, marking official completion of the Army's disposal mission on Johnston Island.

Newport, Indiana

- Construction of the accelerated neutralization facility is approximately 30 percent complete. The Army plans to begin agent disposal operations in July 2003 and destroy the entire stockpile by March 2004—two years ahead of the original schedule.
- The Army released an environmental assessment that evaluated the potential impacts of dismantling Newport Chemical Depot's former chemical agent production facility. As part of PMCD's non-stockpile program, former production facilities must be destroyed in compliance with environmental regulations.

Pine Bluff, Arkansas

- The Army has completed construction of approximately 90 percent of the Pine Bluff Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, which will employ incineration technology.
- In August, the Army held public meetings to discuss methods for destroying the non-stockpile chemical materiel stored at Pine Bluff Arsenal. Non-stockpile items include binary chemical weapon components and recovered warfare.

Pueblo, Colorado

- In July, Under Secretary of Defense Pete Aldridge announced that neutralization followed by biodegradation technology, or "neut/bio," will be used to destroy the Pueblo stockpile. The Army subsequently released a request for proposal to identify a contractor to construct and operate the facility.

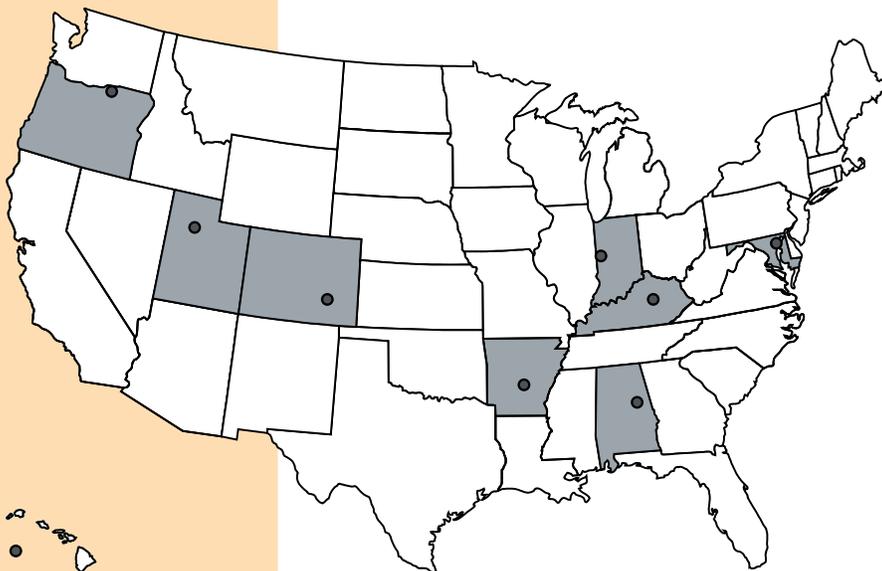
Richmond, Kentucky

- In May, the Army released a draft environmental impact statement for public review that assesses how the proposed disposal technologies—incineration, neutralization and oxidation—will impact the surrounding environment. Public meetings were held in July to receive community input and provide information. The final report will be completed this October, and the technology decision will be made by March 2003.

Tooele, Utah

- The facility is preparing to incinerate VX nerve agent and expects to complete the disposal campaign in summer 2003.

For additional updates and current events, please visit our Web site at <http://www.pmcdd.army.mil>.



Welcome our new deputy program manager

With more than 30 years of acquisition and project management experience, Delbert F. Bunch brings a wealth of expertise to the chemical weapons disposal program as PMCD's new Deputy Program Manager.

Since his appointment to the position in June, Mr. Bunch has been actively learning the intricacies of the Army's complex disposal mission. As part of this effort, his first priority was to visit each of the stockpile sites to meet local citizens and gain first-hand experience with the program. Mr. Bunch explained, "I look forward to meeting with local citizens and hearing their concerns. It will be a perfect opportunity for me to better understand the local perspectives on destroying these weapons swiftly and safely."

Mr. Bunch's current Department of Defense work mirrors his previous service for the Department of Energy, where his focus was on nuclear issues instead of chemical. Specifically, as the department's Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, he directly was responsible for programs

such as nuclear waste cleanup. He also served as the department's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Safety, Health and Quality Assurance, as which he oversaw national and international nuclear programs. As proof of his

expertise, the secretary of energy designated Mr. Bunch as the lead technical representative in the White House task force on the Chernobyl, Soviet Union accident in 1986.

Please join us in welcoming Delbert Bunch to PMCD! To learn about his plans to visit your community, please contact your outreach office.



Delbert F. Bunch became PMCD's Deputy Program Manager in June 2002.

School outreach program announced

Beginning this fall the Pueblo Chemical Depot Community Outreach Office will be bringing exciting educational presentations to area schools. The outreach office staff has over 20 years of experience in youth oriented environmental education. Using a blend of videos, Power Point slides, models and verbal presentations, the students will learn about the chemical weapons disposal program, which is currently underway in Pueblo, across the country and around the world. The program is oriented toward grades 5 through 12 and can be customized to fit a variety of subjects including science, history, civics and more.

To arrange a program for your school, please contact the outreach office at (719) 546-0400.

New and Improved...www.pmcd.army.mil

The U.S. Army is pleased to announce the availability of its redesigned Web site! Visit <http://www.pmcd.army.mil> to learn more about chemical weapons disposal in your community and across the country. The user-friendly site also features up-to-date information on meetings, information booths and other events in your area where you can learn more about this important mission. "Our new and improved Web site offers the public round-the-clock availability to current information about chemical weapons disposal," said

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Don't have access to the Web?

The Pueblo Chemical Depot Community Outreach Office has a public access computer station you can use during regular business hours. No appointments are necessary, and the staff is available to help you find what you're looking for.



NEW and IMPROVED...

The new PMCD Web site just hit the Internet!

Packed with program highlights, recent events, current statistics and more, the new PMCD Web site has been redesigned to provide YOU easy access to the most up-to-date information about the Army's chemical demilitarization program.

The new site will answer all your questions about:

- PMCD's complex mission to safely dispose of all U.S. chemical weapons,
- Its partnership with oversight agencies, and
- opportunities for public involvement.

Visit <http://www.pmcd.army.mil/> today

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Stay informed— Stay involved!

Calendar of upcoming meetings and events

- **Colorado CAC meetings**
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 11, 6 p.m.
Locations to be announced

For more information contact the outreach office at (719) 546-0400.

Reach

We want to hear from you ...

The Pueblo Chemical Depot Community Outreach Office serves as a clearinghouse of information concerning the Army's plans for chemical weapons disposal in Pueblo. Together with the depot's Public Affairs Office, the outreach office coordinates a variety of events designed to keep the community informed and involved.

If you would like more information about the opportunities available through the Pueblo Chemical Depot Community Outreach Office, please call (719) 546-0400, or return this form by mail to:

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Please check the boxes that interest you:

- I would like to be added to the depot's free mailing list.
- I would like to receive a free information packet in the mail.
- I would like to learn more about arranging a free presentation for my club/organization/school/workplace.
- Other _____

If you checked any of the boxes, please complete the following:

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