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## Explosive Destruction System marks another success

*Army, Air Force cooperation enhances effective munition destruction*

**DOVER AIR BASE, Del.** (August 11, 2005) - For the second time in as many years the U.S. Army Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Project destroyed a World War I-era chemical munition here Monday using one of its proven transportable treatment systems.

The Explosive Destruction System (EDS) neutralized a recovered 75mm mustard-filled round that had been safely stored here since discovered in a Milford, Del., clam processing factory May 27.

Meeting all state regulatory and safety requirements, NSCMP and Dover officials worked with EDS operators from the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center to safely destroy the round. Both NSCMP and ECBC are based at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

The operators used the system's explosive and vapor containment chamber to detonate the munition, then neutralized the mustard agent inside the airtight chamber. The remaining liquid and metal fragments will soon be shipped to a permitted commercial disposal facility.

The EDS destroyed a similar round here in October 2004, and has built a solid performance and safety record using the EDS since 1999. Successful missions include destroying chemical items at Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Colo., Camp Sibert, Ala., Spring Valley in Washington, D.C., and Dugway Proving Ground, Utah.

Under the direction of the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency, NSCMP is mandated by Congress to treat recovered chemical warfare materiel in a safe, environmentally sound and cost-effective manner. The organization is committed to providing maximum protection to workers and the public while complying with all applicable environmental rules and regulations.

Visit the CMA Web site at <http://www.cma.army.mil/nscmp.aspx> for more information.

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