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Army system to destroy recovered munitions in Delaware

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. - The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) is scheduled to destroy recovered chemical warfare munitions this month at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

The agency's Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Project (NSCMP) will destroy six 75 mm mustard-filled munitions using a technology called the Explosive Destruction System (EDS). The EDS neutralizes chemical-filled, explosively configured munitions, and contains all parts, liquids, and vapors resulting from the treatment process. This is done within a sealed, stainless-steel containment vessel keeping safety and the environment NSCMP's top priority.

This is the fourth time NSCMP has deployed its EDS to Delaware to destroy World War I-era recovered munitions - the first in October 2004; again in August 2005; and this year in February. The Air Force has safely stored the current munitions since recovery at a seafood processing plant in Milford, Del.

The EDS has deployed for missions throughout the United States since its creation in 1999, and has safely and effectively destroyed more than 500 items. Locations include Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; Dugway Proving Ground, Utah; Spring Valley, Washington, D.C.; and Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Colo.

Currently, NSCMP is using EDS technologies to destroy approximately 1,200 recovered chemical warfare items at Pine Bluff Arsenal, Ark.

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