Chemical Demilitarization

MISSION
Enhances national security by eliminating U.S. chemical warfare materiel (CWM) and supporting CWM responses, while ensuring maximum protection for the public, workers, and the environment.

DESCRIPTION
The Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) mission is mandated by public law and includes the design, construction, systemization, operations, and closure of chemical agent disposal facilities in Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Maryland, Oregon, Utah, and the Johnston Atoll in the South Pacific. Demilitarization operations have been completed in Indiana, Maryland, and the Johnston Atoll. Stockpile disposal at locations in Colorado and Kentucky is the responsibility of the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives Program, which reports directly to the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

CMA is also responsible for emergency preparedness activities at the chemical weapons storage depots and assessment and destruction of non-stockpile and recovered chemical warfare materiel.

SYSTEM INTERDEPENDENCIES
None

PROGRAM STATUS
• 4QFY09: Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility becomes fourth chemical agent disposal facility to achieve Star status in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s Voluntary Protection Program

• 1QFY10: CMA announced the destruction of the two millionth munition since entry into force of the Chemical Weapons Convention

• 2QFY10: The Newport Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Resource Conservation and Recovery Act permit is released, marking the completion of the facility’s mission

• 3QFY10: The Non-Stockpile Chemical Material Project completed destruction of all recovered chemical warfare materiel stored at Pine Bluff, AR

• 4QFY10: CMA announced the destruction of 75 percent of the chemical agent stockpile since entry into force of the Chemical Weapons Convention

PROJECTED ACTIVITIES
• 1QFY11: Complete final agent disposal campaign at Pine Bluff, AR

• 3QFY12: Complete final agent disposal campaign at Anniston, AL; Tooele, UT; and Umatilla, OR
FOREIGN MILITARY SALES
None

CONTRACTORS
URS Corp. (Anniston, AL; Pine Bluff, AR; Umatilla, OR; Tooele, UT)