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1 General

The Chemical Stockpile Disposal Program (CSDP) was created through Public Law 99-145 and tasked the Department of Defense to destroy the nation's stockpile of unitary chemical weapons by September 30, 1994. Public Law 100-456 then amended the date to April 30, 1997. The International Chemical Weapons Convention extended this date to April, 2007. The U.S. Army is responsible for the incineration of the chemical agents. The Department of State Police, Oregon Emergency Management is the lead agency for the emergency planning and coordination. All the chemical agents in Oregon are stored at the Umatilla Chemical Depot located in northern Morrow and Umatilla Counties.

The construction of the incineration facility began in 1998. The destruction of the chemicals is to begin in 2001, and the closure of the facility is scheduled for 2007.

In order to address the continued storage threat and subsequent chemical agent destruction, the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) was developed. Oregon is one of ten states involved with this program. The Umatilla Chemical Depot currently stores 11.6% of the U.S. inventory. The chemical agents present at the facility include HD (mustard gas), GB (sarin) and VX.

The three objectives of CSEPP are:

- To enhance emergency preparedness in communities surrounding chemical warfare agent storage sites. This is done through emergency planning efforts, outdoor/indoor warning devices, and mitigation techniques.
- To protect the environment from the effects of an accident . This is done through emergency planning.
- To ensure the area maintains acceptable environmental integrity and is restored to its original environmental state after the program is complete. This is done through environmental programs monitored by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and recovery planning.

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