



Workers at ANCA load a pallet of VX-filled rockets for transportation to ANCDF.

Agent trial burns, required by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, required a series of tests on the emissions from two furnaces, the liquid incinerator, and the Deactivation Furnace System (DFS). The liquid incinerator destroyed liquid VX at 2,700 degrees. The DFS destroyed M55 rockets after they were drained of agent and cut into eight pieces. The DFS will also be used to destroy explosives from projectiles and mines (at 1,300 degrees).

When destroying nerve agents, ANCDF managers are required to show that the facility destroys 99.9999 percent. Test results demonstrate that operations at ANCDF exceed that requirement. ANCDF managers say that the data proves the facility is safe for workers, the local community, and the environment. Similar trial burns during a GB disposal campaign demonstrated that operations at the ANCDF were also compliant with all mandated regulations. ANCDF managers and employees have a reputation in the industry for a very strong safety program. ANCDF and its site contractor, Washington Group International, have performed more than 9.5 million safe work hours. In recognition, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration awarded ANCDF "Star" status under the Voluntary Protection Program.

Chemical munitions storage and disposal operations at ANAD are expected to be ongoing for another four to six years. The facility will be decommissioned at the end of operations.

For more information about the U.S. Army's chemical munitions disposal program, go to Web site <www.cma.army.mil>.

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86th Chemical Mortar Battalion Web Site Update

Dear Members, Family, and Friends of the 86th Chemical Mortar Battalion:

Since 1998, I have maintained a personal Web site about the 86th Chemical Mortar Battalion. My father, Harold (Mat) Matson (Company B), has supplied me with much of the information from his memory and from the Battle History book. I have recently updated the site, and it now has a new address: <<http://web.mac.com/barbcooper/iWeb/Site/Welcome.html>>. I intend to add several more pages to the Web site, including a roster of current members of the 86th.

If your name is included on the list of current association members, I need to know if you want to be included on the new Web page. Please provide the information requested on the form to the following address or e-mail me at <bcooper@cinci.rr.com>:

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Sincerely

Barb Cooper



Yes, include the following information on the 86th Chemical Mortar Battalion Web site:

Name _____

Street address _____

City, state, and zip code _____

Telephone number _____

E-mail address _____

No, do not include me on the Web site.

Name _____