Chemical Weapons Destruction: Progress and Challenges

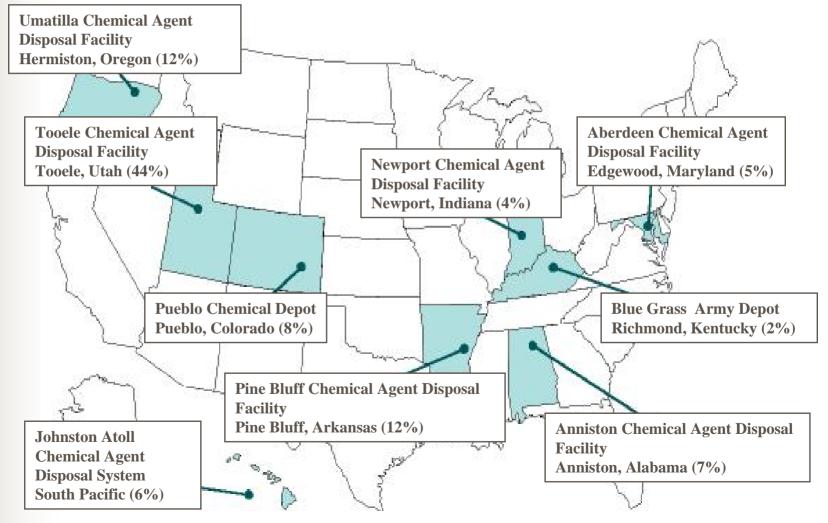
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CW Declared Stockpiles

- Russia 40,000 metric tons
- US 28,575 metric tons (31,495 short tons)
- India 1,044 metric tons
- South Korea 400-1,000+ metric tons
- Albania 16 metric tons
- Libya 23.62 metric tons

Declared U.S. CW Stockpile: 31,495 tons (9 stockpile sites in 8 states and Johnston Atoll)



CW Storage

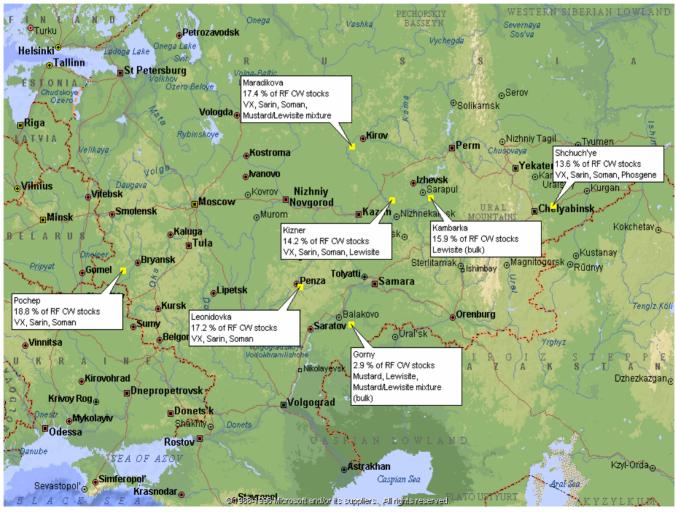


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Umatilla, Oregon CWD Facility



Declared R.F. CW Stockpile: 40,000 tons (7 stockpiles in 5 Oblasts and the Udmurt Republic)



Shchuch'ye Chemical Weapons



Shchuch'ye Stockpile



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CW Destruction Progress

- Russia 6,200–10,600 MT neutralized (15-26%, depending on assumptions)
- US 15,430 MT destroyed (54%)
- India 1002+ MT destroyed (96%)
- South Korea 388-970+ tons destroyed (97%)
- Albania 16 MT destroyed (100%)
- Libya not yet begun (0%) (excl. Sched. 2)

Russian CW Demil (Feb/Mar 08)

- Gorny neutralized Dec02-Dec05 1,143 MT
- Kambarka neutralized 5,075+/- MT since Dec 05
 (as of 5 Mar 08) 2009 (6,349 MT)
- Maradikovsky neutralized 4,394+/- MT since
 Sept 06 (as of 28 Feb 08) 2010 (6,890 MT)
- Shchuch'ye to open 2008/2010-2012 (5,456 MT)
- Pochep 2008 2012 (7,498 MT)
- Leonidovka 2008 2012 (6,885 MT)
- Kizner 2009 2012 (5,745 MT)

US CW Demil (7 April 08)

- Johnston Atoll 1990-2000, 100% destroyed
- Tooele 1996-2016, 71% destroyed
- Anniston 2003-2016, 44% destroyed
- Aberdeen 2003-2005/2007, 100% destroyed
- Umatilla 2004-2018, 32% destroyed
- Pine Bluff 2005-2016, 15% destroyed
- Newport 2005-2012, 85% neutralized
- Pueblo 2012/2013-2018/2020, 0% (2,520 tons)
- Blue Grass 2012/2013-2023, 0% (630 tons)

Other CW Demil

- Albania Jan 2007-July 2007 (deadline April 2007)
- India by April 29, 2009
- Libya 2008-December 31, 2010
- South Korea by December 31, 2008

CWC Deadlines

CWC stockpile destruction deadlines:

- April 2000 1% of stockpiles (3 yrs after EIF)
- April 2002 20% of stockpiles (5 yrs)
- April 2004 45% of stockpiles (7 yrs)
- April 2007 100% of stockpiles (10 yrs)
- No possessor State Party has met all deadlines

CWC Deadlines (cont.)

- United States
 - Met 1% (2000) and 20% (2002) deadlines
 - Met 3-yr extended 45% deadline (2007)
 - Received 5-yr extension for 100% deadline to 2012
 - **Russian Federation**
 - Met 3-yr extended 1% and 5-yr extended 20% deadlines
 - Received 5+-yr extension for 45% deadline to December 2009
 - Received 5-yr extension for 100% deadline to 2012

CWC Deadlines (cont.)

- Albania Did not request 100% extended deadline and missed April 2007 by 2 months
- India Received 100% deadline extension to April 2009 (2 yrs)
- South Korea Received 100% deadline extension to December 2008
- Libya Received 100% deadline extension to December 2010

CW Demilitarization Costs

- US estimated costs have risen from \$2B to \$40B over 20 years (1987-2007)
- RF estimated costs have risen from \$3B to \$10B over 10 years (1997-2007)
- G-8 Global Partnership is contributing \$2-3B to Russian CW demil program
- US is contributing \$1B to Russian program, but stopped funding in FY08

CW Demil Technology Choice

- US proposed "silver bullet" technology incineration in 1980s – opposed by environmental & public health community
- US has also promoted off-site shipment of toxic waste
- RF proposed neutralization for first-stage treatment, but has foregone second-stage treatment to date

Port Arthur, Texas Protests



Shchuch'ye Protests



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Delaware/New Jersey Protests



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Additional CWD Challenges

- Legal suit by environmental community to stop US Army shipment of VX hydrolysate from Newport, Indiana to Veolia incinerator in Port Arthur, Texas
- Mustard weapons & containers laced with mercury Healthy Environment of Utah (HEAL) & Chemical Weapons Working Group (CWWG) seeking to stop burning in Tooele, Utah & Umatilla, Oregon
- Off-site shipment of hydrolysate from Pueblo, CO and Blue Grass, KY – S. 2656 (2008) would prohibit off-site transport for "treatment, storage, or disposal"

Additional CWD Challenges

- DoD decision (January 10, 2007) "to continue to pursue off-site treatment and disposal, as long as doing so would be economically beneficial to the Department"
- Whistleblower allegations at Blue Grass concerning "major monitoring failure and safety hazards"
- Citizens' lawsuit against RF government to provide community benefits to Shchuch'ye

Shchuch'ye, Kurgan Oblast



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Shchuch'ye Community Outreach



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What's to be Done?

- Emphasis must be placed on the critical importance of State Parties to fully fund and implement their ongoing chemical weapons destruction programs
 - **US** 400M+/yr for construction
 - US Cooperative Threat Reduction \$50M+/yr for Shchuch'ye
 - **RF** \$1B+/yr for CW destruction
 - G-8 Global Partnership \$100M+/yr

What's to be Done?

- Don't underestimate public concerns and political power – be transparent and involve stakeholders – preclude legal suits
- Recognize inherent tension between cost, schedule, transparency, & safety – protection of public health & environment
- Improve US-RF relations and move beyond recent G-8 Global Partnership differences

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