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**MISSION:**

With the destruction of the chemical weapons stockpile stored at Pueblo Chemical Depot (PCD), Colorado, now complete, the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity (CMA) turns its focus to support the closure and demolition of the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (PCAPP).

**FORCE MULTIPLIER:**

The Pueblo Chemical Depot (PCD) proudly served as a critical safeguard in our nation's commitment to chemical weapons disposal, ensuring the secure storage of the chemical weapons stockpile and supporting the delivery of munitions to the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (PCAPP) for destruction. This vital mission, carried out under the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity (CMA), exemplified the resolve and responsibility of the Department of Defense to uphold both national security and environmental stewardship. With the completion of stockpile destruction in July 2023 and the deactivation of the depot in September 2024, PCD's legacy of precision, safety, and commitment to public welfare stands as a significant milestone in our nation's journey toward a safer future.

Today, CMA-West continues this legacy, overseeing the safe and environmentally compliant closure and demolition of the PCAPP. With the utmost priority placed on the safety of workers, the public, and the environment, the ongoing efforts reflect its unwavering dedication to excellence and sustainability. The final chapter of this mission is a powerful testament to American ingenuity and responsibility, reminding us of all of the strength, foresight, and care required to address complex challenges while safeguarding our communities and future generations.

**CAPABILITIES:**

CMA-West is one of several Army installations in the United States that previously stored chemical weapons. Working in partnership with the community, the Army

selected neutralization followed by biotreatment to destroy the chemical weapons stockpile at PCD.

**HISTORY:**

Located near Pueblo, Colorado, CMA-West is one of several Army installations in the United States that previously stored chemical weapons. Prior to becoming CMA-West since 1942 and through several name changes, the depot has been responsible for storing and shipping everything the Soldier needs to do his or her job. The depot stored Army materiel, the Soldier's "beans, bandages, and bullets," as well as conventional, nuclear, and chemical munitions.

After World War II, the depot's workshops were remodeled and expanded to remanufacture a variety of materiel, including tanks and combat vehicles. In the 1950s, the mission evolved to safely storing a stockpile of chemical munitions containing 2,316 tons of mustard agent.

PCD supplied the American warfighter in every major conflict up to the Gulf War in 1991, after which it transitioned to storage of the chemical weapons stockpile.

Adopted in 1992 and ratified in 1997, the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), a multilateral treaty, banned the development, production, acquisition, stockpiling, retention, transfer and use of chemical weapons. It also required the destruction of all existing chemical weapons and related production facilities.

Chemical Materials Activity personnel ensured the safe storage of the Pueblo Chemical Depot chemical stockpile and the safe transfer of those munitions to Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant for destruction. PCAPP, part of the Program Executive Office, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives, completed destruction of the stockpile of 780,089 chemical weapons on June 22, 2023. PCD was deactivated on Sept. 12, 2024, completing an 82-year history.

**FACILITIES:**

CMA-West is located near Pueblo, Colorado, and encompasses approximately 23,000 acres, the depot's mission has shifted and expanded since Pueblo Chemical Depot was created in 1942.