



HOLSTON ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT

FACT SHEET

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MISSION:

The Holston Army Ammunition Plant (HSAAP) mission is to provide quality explosives to meet the current and future requirements of the Department of Defense, allied partners, and commercial customers in a modern, safe, secure, economical, and environmentally compliant manner.

FORCE MULTIPLIER:

The Holston Army Ammunition Plant (HSAAP) represents the cutting edge of American ingenuity and industrial strength, ensuring that our military, allied partners, and commercial customers are equipped with the highest quality explosives to meet both today's demands and the challenges of tomorrow. At HSAAP, this mission goes far beyond production—it's a commitment to safety, security, and excellence at every step. From state-of-the-art facilities to modern manufacturing processes, the work at Holston sets the standard for delivering powerful and reliable capabilities in a manner that upholds the highest environmental and economic principles.

For the American public, HSAAP's efforts exemplify the values that define our nation: responsibility, innovation, and resolve. By prioritizing environmental compliance and operational efficiency, Holston safeguards not only our national defense but also the communities and ecosystems entrusted to our care. This critical work ensures that our warfighters and allies can rely on the tools they need to defend freedom, while also guaranteeing that America remains a responsible steward of the resources and values we hold dear. Through its steadfast mission, Holston Army Ammunition Plant continues to strengthen our nation's security and preserve the legacy of excellence for future generations.

CAPABILITIES:

- Production & Development of Explosives
- Synthesis & Manufacture of High Explosives
- Recrystallization & Purification from Organic Solvents
- Melt-Cast, Cast-Cured, Pressed & Extruded Explosives Formulation
- Explosives Performance Testing
- Full-Spectrum Explosives Research & Development Capability
- Custom & Fine Chemical Manufacture for the Defense Industry
- Research & Development Programs for Explosives

HISTORY:

In January 1942, the Tennessee Eastman Corporation began construction of a pilot plant for the manufacture of Research Department Explosive (RDX) and a pilot plant for production of Composition B (a mixture of RDX, TNT and wax). In June 1942, Tennessee Eastman began design and construction work on a plant for large-scale production of RDX and Composition B. The plant consisted of two areas, four miles apart on the Holston River. Known then as the Holston Ordnance Works, it produced more than 858 million pounds of RDX and Composition B by the end of WWII. In 1946, Holston Ordnance Works was placed in standby condition until April 1949. A wholly owned Eastman Kodak subsidiary, the Holston Defense Corporation, was organized for the purpose of reactivation in support of the Korean War. Holston Ordnance Works was re-designated the Holston Army Ammunition Plant in 1963 and has continued operations through present day. HSAAP is a Government-Owned, Contractor-Operated installation.

FACILITIES:

HSAAP is housed on more than 6,000 acres with 400 buildings and more than 120 igloos, with explosive storage capacity of more than 202,900 square feet.

