



Advisory #10

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Operation *Swift Solution* - Weekly Progress Update

WHAT: Operation *Swift Solution* is the Army initiative that started operations on Nov. 12 to destroy the contents of three steel containers commonly referred to as "ton containers," holding a corrosive mixture of the nerve agent GB and its breakdown products. This weekly progress advisory will be provided to stakeholders through the duration of the project.

WHO: Army teams including members from the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, the Blue Grass Chemical Activity, the Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD) and the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives are involved in the destruction effort, with cooperation and oversight from local and state government agencies, and daily oversight from the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection.

WHERE: BGAD, Richmond, Ky.

WHY: One of the containers has leaked in the past and the others are showing signs of corrosion. Operation *Swift Solution* will safely eliminate all risks associated with the long-term storage of the steel containers and their contents.

PROJECT UPDATE: Neutralization operations are currently under way on the remaining contents of the final container. As of Dec. 17, the Operation *Swift Solution* team will have successfully neutralized more than 135 gallons of the nerve agent mixture in the containers, which amounts to all of the free liquid that can be drained from them. The project's next steps involve the handling of sludge and other solidified materials in the containers.

In observance of the upcoming holidays, the *Swift Solution* team will temporarily halt operations on or about Dec. 22 through Jan. 5. The CHATS filtration system and the operational structure's filtration system will both continue to operate. A limited *Swift Solution* crew will remain to respond to any operational situations.

Please visit www.pmacwa.army.mil/ky/swift_solution.htm for previous advisories and additional information.

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