



# U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND CHEMICAL MATERIALS ACTIVITY



## MISSION

Manage the Nation's stockpile of chemical weapons, assess and destroy chemical warfare materiel, comply with chemical weapons treaty, protect people and the environment.

## CORE COMPETENCIES

- Store and Protect
- Comply
- Assess and Destroy

## PRIMARY LOCATIONS

- Headquarters – Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland
- Blue Grass Army Depot, Kentucky
- Pueblo Chemical Depot, Colorado

**C**hemical Materials Activity (CMA) is the world leader in programs to safely store and destroy chemical weapons, in accordance with international treaty requirements. CMA assesses and destroys recovered chemical warfare materiel (RCWM); safely stores the chemical stockpiles and supports the destruction mission headed by the Program Executive Office, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives; protects the public, workers and environment near those stockpiles; and supports our nation's compliance with the international treaty overseeing chemical weapons elimination.

CMA's management, scientific and support staff is headquartered at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. Additional managers and staff fulfill CMA's mission at the chemical stockpile storage sites and at RCWM locations across the country. Prior to 2012, the organization stored and destroyed chemical weapons at seven stockpile sites, nearly 90 percent of the declared U.S. chemical stockpile, and eliminated the nation's former production facilities and binary chemical weapons inventory.

### Store

CMA safely stores chemical weapons at two locations, Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD), Kentucky, and Pueblo Chemical Depot (PCD), Colorado. The chemical munitions at both sites are housed in secured stage areas, and maintained and guarded by highly trained personnel. CMA also is responsible for depot management of PCD.

### Protect

CMA works closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, or CSEPP, to coordinate support communities near the chemical stockpiles. This partnership enhances emergency plans and provides response equipment and warning systems.

### Comply

The CMA director acts as the Army Implementing Agent, delegated by the Department of Defense (DOD), for executing the Chemicals Weapons Convention (CWC). The activity carries out Army Regulation 525-92, under which CMA's Center for Treaty Implementation and Compliance manages implementation and compliance activities in accordance with the CWC, including support to treaty visits and stockpile inspections.

### Assess and Destroy

CMA's Recovered Chemical Materiel Directorate (RCMD) provides centralized management and direction to DOD for assessment and disposal of RCWM in a safe and environmentally sound manner. RCMD develops and maintains the equipment, personnel and expertise to destroy RCWM, deploying teams to support missions around the country.

