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CBP INSTALLS RADIATION MONITORS IN ALABAMA PORT

US Customs and Border Patrol (CBP.gov) News Release

October 3, 2008

"U. S. Customs and Border Protection unveiled the first radiation portal monitors at the Port of Mobile, Ala. yesterday, the agency announced today. These highly sophisticated tools are designed to prevent any attempts to smuggle radiological materials used in nuclear weapons into the United States.

The five portal monitors now in operation act as an extremely sensitive receiving antenna to detect radiation sources. A radiation portal monitor is a detection device that provides CBP with a passive, non-intrusive means to screen trucks and other conveyances for the presence of nuclear and radiological materials.

These systems are capable of detecting various types of radiation emanating from nuclear

devices, dirty bombs, special nuclear materials, natural sources, and isotopes commonly used in medicine and industry. They are completely safe for anyone passing by them; they are passive "detectors" of radiation, not emitters of radiation."

The full article can be found at: http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/newsroom/news_releases/10032008_2.xml

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TAIWAN SUGGESTS SARS WAS CHINA WARFARE PLOT

By Ralph Jennings

Reuters

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"Taiwan legislators wearing surgical masks and displaying skull-and-crossbones banners took over parliament's floor on Tuesday after the island's security chief accused China of starting the global SARS epidemic six years ago as part of a biological warfare campaign.

Taiwan National Security Bureau Director-General Tsai Chao-ming told a legislative committee on Monday that sources in China suspected biological warfare, but that conclusive evidence had not surfaced."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idUSTRE49617120081007>

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ILLINOIS-BASED CHEMICAL MANUFACTURER SETTLES CHARGES OF EXPORT VIOLATIONS

US Department of Commerce News Release

October 3, 2008

"The Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) announced today that Nalco Company of Naperville, Illinois has agreed to pay a \$115,000 civil penalty to settle allegations that it made thirteen unlicensed exports in violation of the Export Administration Regulations."

"The allegations involved exports of items containing the chemical solution triethanolamine (TEA) to Angola, the Bahamas, and the Dominican Republic between April 2003 and September 2006. TEA is a commodity that, depending on its composition in various solutions, can be used as a precursor for toxic agents and is controlled for Chemical/Biological, Anti-Terrorism, and Chemical Weapons reasons. Nalco had voluntarily self-disclosed these exports to BIS."

The full article can be found at: http://www.bis.doc.gov/news/2008/bis_press10032008.htm

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TOOELE CHEMICAL DEPOT - "HEEL" TRANSFER SYSTEM TO AID MUSTARD AGENT DISPOSAL PROCESS

US Army Chemical Materials Agency News Release
October 3, 2008

"Workers at the U.S. Army's Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (TOCDF) today began using the new Heel Transfer System (HTS) process to help remove solidified mustard agent residue in bulk containers at Deseret Chemical Depot (DCD).

Nearly all of the approximately 3,000 remaining mustard agent-filled bulk containers at DCD have varying amounts of heavy solid and semi-solid residue referred to as "heels" and are unable to be drained for normal processing and disposal.

An extensive sampling and measurement operation indicated that these heavy heels range in size and weigh anywhere between 630 and 1,100 pounds. Utah environmental permit requirements, however, limit heel weight to no more than 630 pounds for processing through the TOCDF Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).

The HTS, which was added as a follow-on to the TOCDF Bulk Drain System, uses high-pressure sprays of warm water to liquefy the solid and semi-solid residue allowing a portion of the liquefied heel material to be pumped from the "heavy" bulk container into an empty one. By ensuring all bulk container heel weights are below 630 pounds, they can then be processed through the MPF.

Bulk containers and munitions known to have elevated levels of mercury will not be processed until at least 2010, contingent upon state regulatory approval of a special mercury-capturing filter system currently under construction at the TOCDF.

The full article can be found at: <http://www.cma.army.mil/fndocumentviewer.aspx?docid=003679079>

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