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FORT DETRICK CAPS TOXIC WASTE

By Max Cacas
Federal News Radio
July 07, 2009

"A Maryland Army facility is now on an exclusive EPA priority list to clean up toxic waste contamination at a field where wastes associated with weapons production were dumped, contaminating the local water supply.

Earlier this year, the Environmental Protection Agency put the site of major toxic waste contamination at Fort Detrick in Frederick on its Superfund National Priorities list. Now, one of Maryland's U.S. Senators gets a first hand update on the effort to safeguard the drinking water supply near the Central Maryland Army facility.

Environmental clean-up specialists are in the middle-phases of a program to create a landfill "cap" on an area known as "Area B" in a remote northwest corner of the Fort Detrick installation. The reason is simple, says Joe Gortva, the restoration manager heading up what is called the 17 year "remediation" effort at Detrick.

"In 1992, off-post contamination from Area B was first detected in residential wells," he told a briefing for Senator Ben Cardin (D.-Md.) held in a field not far from where a backhoe and two bulldozers pushed and molded tons of freshly-trucked-in fill dirt and gravel into the cap designed to deter the spread of chemicals from decades of biological weapons research."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.federalnewsradio.com/index.php?nid=35&sid=1712010>
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EBOLA IN PIGS MAY BECOME MORE DANGEROUS FOR PEOPLE: EXPERTS

By Tan Ee Lyn
Reuters
July 10, 2009

"Researchers are worried about a type of Ebola virus spreading in pigs in the Philippines and have warned that it could mutate in the swine population and become more dangerous for people.

The Philippines had tested 141 people, the researchers said, and six of them who either worked on pig farms or with swine products were found with antibodies to the Ebola-Reston virus, which means they might have been infected by pigs at some time.

Although none of them fell ill, the scientists from the Philippines and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the United States warned the virus could change.

"REBOV (Ebola-Reston virus) infection in domestic swine raises concern about the potential for emerging disease in humans and a wider range of livestock," they wrote in a paper published in the latest issue of Science.

"There is concern that its passage through swine may allow REBOV to diverge and shift its potential for pathogenicity."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSTRE5686RU20090709>
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CHEMICAL SECURITY EFFORTS SPREAD

By Rebecca Trager
Chemistry World
July 01, 2009

"The EU and the US are simultaneously taking action in a bid to secure chemical facilities and prevent their misuse by terrorists. The chemical industries in both regions are backing the two parallel efforts,

but they are also cautioning against overly prescriptive regulations.

The European Commission approved a new policy to enhance chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) security on 24 June. The package proposes a broad approach to CBRN security, focusing on preventing unauthorised access to materials of concern, enhancing detection capabilities, and improving preparedness and response capabilities.

The EU package currently exists as an 'action plan' that will be implemented predominantly by already existing national, EU and international structures. It remains unclear which aspects of the proposal will be adopted, but up to Euro100 million (£86 million) will be allocated from existing financial programmes to support the implementation process, due to take place between 2010 and 2013.

But chemical industry representatives say voluntary codes are likely to be more manageable than mandatory requirements. René van Sloten, a senior official with the European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic), says most of the proposals are already covered by existing legislation in various fields. Nevertheless, there is concern that any new policies implemented could be onerous for the chemical industry."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.rsc.org/chemistryworld/News/2009/July/01070901.asp>
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FEDS RESTORE 'DIRTY BOMB' FUNDS

By Liz Goff
The Queens Gazette
July 08, 2009

"Police sources last week said that thanks to \$10 million in federal funding restored under the "Securing The Cities" initiative, the NYPD is developing plans to install a ring of sensors around the Big Apple to alert law enforcement to the presence of a nuclear or biological device.

The restored funding allows the NYPD to install radiation detectors in police vehicles and arm cops with the devices. The funds also enable the NYPD to work with the FBI and other law enforcement agencies, to "form a ring around the city to protect its citizens".

The full article can be found at: <http://www.qgazette.com/news/2009/0708/features/027.html>
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ENERGY SECURITY TAKES ON NEW MEANING

By Graham Thomson
The Edmonton Journal
July 07, 2009

"As pipeline bombings continue, some companies are going paramilitary."

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"Politicians promised to beef up security but, as the bombings near Dawson Creek have demonstrated, there is only so much our police can do. That is why some Canadian energy companies took security matters into their own hands after 9/11. I'm talking here about nuclear energy companies that now have security forces better equipped and better armed than some police forces. The Nuclear Response Team at Bruce Power in Ontario, for example, is an elite force of former police and military personnel, who are armed with automatic weapons and armoured assault vehicles.

To hone its skills the Bruce Power security team regularly takes part in competitions against military

and police teams from all over the world. Last month, it defeated 17 other teams, including Germany's GSG9 counter-terrorist unit, to win the 2009 U. S. National SWAT Championships in Tulsa, Okla. It was the second year in a row the Bruce Power team had won the SWAT contest."

The full article can be found at:

<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/news/Energy+security+takes+meaning/1766522/story.html>

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EVIDENCE OF N. KOREA'S URANIUM ENRICHMENT NOT DETECTED: YONHAP

Kyodo News

July 08, 2009

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The full article can be found at: <http://home.kyodo.co.jp/modules/fstStory/index.php?storyid=448373>

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PINE BLUFF CHEMICAL ACTIVITY- PBCA CHANGE OF COMMAND

US Army Chemical Materials Agency News Release

July 07, 2009

"WHAT: Command of Pine Bluff Chemical Activity will pass from Lt. Col. Cliff Johnston to Lt. Col. Nathaniel Farmer. Officiating at the ceremony will be Mr. Conrad Whyne, Director of the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

WHEN: 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 14, 2009

WHERE: Pine Bluff Chemical Activity Headquarters on Pine Bluff Arsenal

NOTE TO THE MEDIA: If you plan on attending this event, please notify Carole Newton at (870) 540-2406 by 2 p.m., Friday, July 10 to arrange badging and escort for you."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.cma.army.mil/include/docrendition.asp?DocID=003680990>

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[PUEBLO CHEMICAL DEPOT] - SENATE PANEL OKS \$92.5 MILLION TO DEPOT

By John Norton

The Pueblo Chieftain

July 08, 2009

"The U.S. Senate this week moved closer to paying for accelerated work at a facility that will destroy Pueblo's aging stockpile of chemical weapons.

Colorado's two Democratic senators, Mark Udall and Michael Bennet, said Wednesday that the Senate Appropriations Committee had approved \$92.5 million for work here as part of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs appropriations bill for fiscal year 2010.

That bill will now go before the full Senate.”

The full article can be found at:

<http://www.chieftain.com/articles/2009/07/09/news/local/doc4a55820255030159869772.txt>

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[LEXINGTON BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT] - MCCONNELL PROPOSES MORE DEPOT FUNDING

By Ronica Shannon

Richmond Register

July 09, 2009

“An extra \$5 million was added Tuesday to the chemical weapons destruction project at the Blue Grass Army Depot after the Senate Defense Appropriations Committee accepted a request from U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell.

This money would bring the project’s total funding to \$552.8 million for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

The \$552.8 million total for 2010, if it is approved, will be the largest amount of funds in any fiscal year dedicated to disposing of the chemical weapons in Kentucky and Colorado.”

The full article can be found at:

http://www.richmondregister.com/localnews/local_story_190080114.html

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THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES MEETING - DISPOSAL OF LEGACY NERVE AGENT GA AND LEWISITE STOCKS AT DESERET CHEMICAL DEPOT

Meeting Information Sheet

The National Academies

“Project Title: Disposal of Legacy Nerve Agent GA and Lewisite Stocks at Deseret Chemical Depot

PIN: DEPS-BAST-09-05

Major Unit: Division on Engineering and Physical Sciences

Sub Unit: Board on Army Science & Technology

RSO: Pannella, Harrison

Subject/Focus Area: National Security and Defense

Disposal of Legacy Nerve Agent GA and Lewisite Stocks at Deseret Chemical Depot

July 21, 2009 - July 23, 2009

Deseret Chemical Depot, Tooele, Utah

If you would like to attend the sessions of this meeting that are open to the public or need more information please contact:

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Agenda:
Tuesday, July 21, 2009

8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. CLOSED SESSION

12:15 - 1:00 p.m. Welcoming Remarks

1:00 - 1:45 pm Programmatic Perspective on CMA Stockpile Disposal

1:45 - 2:30 p.m. TOCDF Project Review

2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Break

2:45 - 3:30 p.m. GA-Lewisite Disposal Project Overview

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. GA-Lewisite 50-Percent Design Review

4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Discussion Time

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. CLOSED SESSION

10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 - 11:00 a.m. Environmental Permitting

11:00 - 11:45 a.m. Safety Permitting

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Discussion Time with Briefers and Sponsor

12:30 - 4:45 p.m. CLOSED SESSION

Thursday, July 23, 2009

8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. CLOSED SESSION"

The full article can be found at: <http://www8.nationalacademies.org/cp/meetingview.aspx?MeetingId=3615>

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