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EXPERTS PUT RESIDENTS' MINDS AT REST OVER MOOR'S DANGERS

By Will Roberts
The Northern Echo
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"Bowes Moor, near Bowes, County Durham, was used by the RAF during the Second World War as a chemical weapons storage and disposal depot.

After the war the site was cleaned up but an investigation completed in February 2008 showed there were still traces of harmful chemicals such as sulphur mustard, lead and arsenic."

"The risk assessment shows that there isn't any risk provided the site is operated and managed in the way it is at the moment," said Dr Steve Hobbs, from environmental consultants Enviros.

Low levels of dioxins were found in the former mustard gas burning bays while an area where a chemical warfare agent called lewisite had been spilled was found to contain arsenic. However, the concentration levels were so low that the chemicals couldn't be picked up by humans."

The full article can be found at:

http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/4193109.Experts_put_residents___minds_at_rest_over_moor___s_dangers/

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INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES WERE CONCERNED ABOUT IRAQ WMD DOSSIER, EMAILS REVEAL

The Telegraph (UK)

March 12, 2009

“British intelligence agencies were concerned that the Government's notorious dossier on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction exaggerated the threat, secret emails have revealed.”

“The officials also complained of "iffy drafting" and mocked the claims made about Iraq's nuclear programme, ironically suggesting Dr Frankenstein could have been recruited by Baghdad.”

The full article can be found at:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/politics/4979309/Intelligence-agencies-were-concerned-about-Iraq-WMD-dossier-emails-reveal.html>

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LIBYA FRUSTRATED BY PAYBACK FOR ABOLISHING WMD PROGRAMS

Global Security Newswire

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“Libyan officials have complained recently that the United States has not delivered benefits promised for Tripoli's 2003 decision to abandon its WMD programs.”

"[Former U.S. President George W.] Bush responded well about his appreciation and said Libya should be an example to the world, but that's not enough -- that's not what they talked about," said Khaled Bazelya, of Libya's National Economic Development Board. "You give something, you expect something in return; that's the Arab way. The expectation here is very high, but the West is not responding. We need a quicker response.”

In particular, Libya would like access to civilian nuclear technology, conventional weapons and support for destroying its chemical stockpile.”

The full article can be found at: http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw_20090311_5651.php

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UMATILLA CHEMICAL AGENT DISPOSAL FACILITY - NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL TOURS PLANT

US Army Chemical Materials Agency News Release

March 11, 2009

“The Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility played host to the National Research Council's (NRC) Committee on Chemical Demilitarization last week.

Committee members toured the UMCDF and received welcoming remarks from Chemical Materials Agency Director Conrad Whyne and UMCDF Site Project Manager Mike Strong.

Presentations focused on UMCDF Mustard Campaign Readiness and Closure Planning.

Created by Congress in 1986, the NRC committee provides independent oversight of the U.S. chemical demilitarization program and the studies of ad hoc committees formed under it.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.cma.army.mil/fndocumentviewer.aspx?docid=003680239>
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ARMY SITE PROJECT MANAGER ACCEPTS NEW CHALLENGE BRUBAKER MOVING FROM CMA/INDIANA TO ACWA/KENTUCKY

US Army Chemical Materials Agency News Release
March 11, 2009

“The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) announced today the impending reassignment of one of its successful site project managers.

Jeffrey Brubaker, who has been the site project manager for CMA’s Newport Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (NECDF) in Newport, Ind. for the last six years, will begin similar site project manager duties at the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant located on Blue Grass Army Depot, Richmond, Ky.

Brubaker is expected to be released from his current position at the Newport Chemical Depot (NECD) and arrive in Kentucky in mid-July 2009.

The Blue Grass facility is one of two projects headed by the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (ACWA) program, which falls directly under the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

“This is one of those bittersweet moments in the history of any program,” said Conrad F. Whyne, Director of CMA. “On one hand, we applaud and thank Jeff and his family for many years of dedicated service not only to the Army and the agency, but to his country as well.

“Without Jeff’s untiring efforts, it is fair to say that the Army and CMA would not have encountered the success we have in eliminating the Newport stockpile and ridding the threat that stockpile posed to the surrounding communities. Jeff’s efforts maintained the high regard to safety that we impose in this program, and he is to be rightfully commended for it.

“The bitter part is that CMA loses a tremendous asset,” Whyne continued. “But with our loss comes ACWA’s gain. I am certain that Jeff will bring tremendous, valuable operational experience gained in those years at Newport, and that experience can be applied to the continuing ACWA mission. I am certain the success Jeff enjoyed with us here in CMA will continue with our brothers in arms disposal over on the ACWA side of the house.”

Brubaker was the second of two site project managers in Newport’s history, replacing Chuck Galloway in 2003. His tenure included completion of the construction of the facility and its eventual operation. The plant finished its construction and systemization phase and began agent destruction operations in May 2005. The plant employed a neutralization technology and completed destruction of its VX nerve agent bulk stockpile in August 2008. The plant and depot continue progress toward total closure.

“ACWA will get itself a dedicated and thorough site manager,” said COL Robert B. Billington, CMA’s Project Manager for Chemical Stockpile Elimination and Brubaker’s immediate supervisor at CMA. “Jeff shepherded the NECDF project through varied and difficult challenges. Jeff enjoyed success not only on the project and on the depot itself, but he was intricately involved with all publics --- from local citizens to Congressional delegations to oversight organizations and beyond.

“He was and remains a valuable asset to this nation as we move toward eliminating this stockpile of obsolete weapons. It is a good thing that he has chosen to take that expertise and make it available to our colleagues at ACWA. ACWA is gaining one very experienced operator and one very good manager.”

Between 2005 and 2008, Newport safely neutralized approximately 1,690 bulk containers of VX nerve

agent using a sodium hydroxide and water mixture. The resulting 1.6 million gallons of caustic waste water was trucked without incident to Veolia Environmental Services in Port Arthur, Texas, where it was incinerated and ultimately destroyed. Efforts at Newport and Veolia were eventually credited toward U.S. international treaty requirements and helped the U.S. achieve its 45 percent destruction deadline of December 2007.

"I have enjoyed my six plus years managing the Newport, Ind. chemical weapons disposal project," said Brubaker. "I feel proud to have worked with so many dedicated professionals to make the surrounding community a safer place with the completed destruction of over 1,200 tons of nerve agent VX."

"The Army asked me to consider what role I wanted to have in our continuing efforts to rid this country of stored weapons of mass destruction," Brubaker continued. "I chose to continue that service by accepting the Blue Grass position and look forward to the challenges of accomplishing success there."

The Blue Grass facility is currently under construction. For more information on the ACWA program, please contact Ms. Kathy DeWeese at (410) 436-3398. For more information on NECD, please contact Ms. Terry Arthur at (765) 245-4475.

The full article can be found at: <http://www.cma.army.mil/fndocumentviewer.aspx?docid=003680197>
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