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### **TOOELE DEPOT'S SAFETY RECORD STELLAR**

By Amy Joi O'Donoghue

Deseret News

May 14, 2009

"It wasn't the mustard or nerve agent at the Deseret Chemical Depot that sickened the employees but the toxic potato salad served at a catered summer picnic to celebrate safety in the workplace.

The irony is not lost on the more than 1,000 employees at the high-hazard Stockton facility, which is home to 40 percent of the nation's stockpile of chemical agents and munitions under contract by the U.S. Army for disposal.

The 11 cases of food poisoning were enough to bump the depot's rate of reportable injuries for one month up to the highest among four other similar facilities graded in a national review of environmental and workplace safety released Thursday.

"Clearly it was our worst month," said Joe Majestic, a deputy general manager at the depot, adding too there were the usual "slips and trips, falls and cuts and the strains and sprains" that pushed the injury rate that high during the summer three years ago."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/705303628/Tooele-depots-safety-record-stellar.html>

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## **SATS SHOW PAKISTAN SUPER-SIZING ITS NUCLEAR WEAPONS COMPLEX**

By Nathan Hodge

Wired.com

May 20, 2009

“Now we have some visual evidence: Satellite imagery that appears to show the expansion of Pakistan’s plutonium production program and a possible increase in stocks of weapons-grade uranium.

Commercial satellite images released today by the Institute for Science and International Security — a very credible source for arms control analysis — appear to underscore Pakistan’s determination to increase its supply of fissile material and develop more destructive nuclear weapons. Most worryingly, the report suggests that Pakistan may be on the path to creating thermonuclear weapons that would be more powerful and potentially easier to package in a warhead.

Among the findings: Pakistan appears to have increased its plutonium separation capability at a site near Rawalpindi. According to ISIS, the new construction seems to indicate that Pakistan will be increasing its supply of spent fuel from new heavy water reactors, providing the raw material for separating out fissile plutonium. The country is also apparently expanding a facility at Dera Ghazi Khan that produces uranium hexafluoride and uranium metal, two basic ingredients for producing the bomb.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2009/05/sats-show-pakistan-super-sizing-its-nuclear-weapons-complex/>

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## **PROFESSOR SIR BERNARD LOVELL ‘WAS TARGET OF COLD WAR ASSASSINS’**

By David Brown

TimesOnline (UK)

May 22, 2009

“One of Britain's most distinguished scientists has revealed a Soviet plot to kill him with a radiation overdose at the height of the Cold War.

Professor Sir Bernard Lovell said he was targeted after the USSR discovered that the Jodrell Bank radio telescope in Cheshire was being used as an “early warning device” of a nuclear attack. The eminent astrologer [sic – that should be astronomer] has never spoken before about the attempt on his life but said he had written a detailed account that would not be published until after his death.

In a television interview he confirmed that Jodrell Bank, Britain's window on the stars, had been used to monitor the threat from approaching missiles.

He said that put him in the front line to the extent that Russian military used radiation to try to kill him during a visit behind the Iron Curtain in 1963.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/article6337727.ece>

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## ***Chem-Demil News***

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## **PINE BLUFF ARSENAL OK'D FOR GREATER MUSTARD GAS DESTRUCTION**

Todaysthv.com

May 19, 2009

“State environmental regulators have cleared the chemical weapons disposal facility at the Pine Bluff Arsenal to accelerate its incineration of its mustard gas stockpile.

The arsenal said Tuesday the Department of Environmental Quality has signed off on a plan to increase rate at which the deadly material is sent into the incinerator from 50 percent to 75 percent of the permitted maximum for each furnace.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.todaysthv.com/includes/tools/print.aspx?storyid=85426>  
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## **TOOELE CHEMICAL AGENT DISPOSAL FACILITY (TOCDF) CONSTRUCTION NEARING COMPLETION**

US Army Chemical Materials Agency News Release  
May 21, 2009

“Following a few finishing touches, construction of the new Pollution Abatement System Filtration System (PFS) will be complete. The Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility’s (TOCDF) new filter system is designed to capture any mercury remaining after incineration of mustard agent-filled bulk storage containers and 4.2-inch mortars.

In preparation for PFS operations, workers will complete a series of tests to ensure the system meets performance expectations. The tests include systemization and function testing of the filter systems for two Liquid Incinerators (LIC) and the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).

The permitting process for PFS operations has already begun. A Class 3 RCRA permit modification for operation of the filter system for the two LICs and MPF is available for public comment through June 1. PFS operations are scheduled to commence mid-September.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.cma.army.mil/fndocumentviewer.aspx?docid=003680679>  
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