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## **PUEBLO CHEMICAL DEPOT: COLORADO**

The Pueblo Chemical Depot (PCD) is a chemical weapons storage site located in Pueblo County, Colorado. The construction of the Pueblo Ordnance Depot (POD) began in February 1942 and by August, the depot was operational. The original 21,000 acres was planned and constructed for storage and supply for the military, and soon the U.S. Army realized the potential for growth and usher in many missions.

Encompassing approximately 23,000 acres, PCD reports to the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity (CMA), Army Materiel Command (AMC). The depot's current mission: Safely secure, store, and monitor the chemical stockpile while protecting the workforce, the public, and the environment; prepare for and support stockpile elimination; and transition the depot and the workforce for closure. The Depot is supporting the destruction of the stored chemical weapons.

Destruction of the entire stockpile is the responsibility of the U.S. Army element, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives

(ACWA) program. The destruction of the chemical weapon stockpile started on March 18, 2015. PCD stores blister agent (HD and HT) commonly called mustard agent. Five types of munitions containing mustard have been stored at PCD since the 1950s.

### **FAST FACTS**

- » Location: **Pueblo, CO**
- » Land Area: **23,000 acres**
- » Military Personnel: **Approx. 2**
- » Civilian Personnel: **Approx. 400**

For more information, please see <https://army.mil/amc>



**Above:** POD Storage Igloo Storage Unit (U.S. Army photo)

### **UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS**

Pueblo Chemical Depot (PCD) currently stores a stockpile of munitions consisting of mustard agent (types HD and HT) contained in 155mm and 105mm artillery projectiles and 4.2 inch mortar rounds. PCD currently stores 2,611 tons of chemical agents in igloos that are monitored through an ongoing inspection program.

**Left:** 4.2" Mortar, M2/M2A1 (U.S. Army photo)



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