

DAILY NOTES

Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010

SDC passes first test

ANCDF Communications

The Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ANCDF) Static Detonation Chamber (SDC) team reached a major milestone in the evolution of the facility on Wednesday with the destruction of its first live munitions during the unit's Commissioning Phase.

The team successfully transported, processed and exploded a small amount of 20 millimeter **High Explosive Impact (HEI)** ammunition rounds as an initial test of the SDC system.

This successful first energetic material test of the system had SDC Project Manager Terry Staggs and his team understandably elated.

"We've been through a lot with construction and commissioning, so to get to this point feels really good for all of us because this is our job ... to process weapons," Staggs said. "This is truly a big day for us because now we are getting to do the primary mission of the SDC."

In addition to his overall excitement at the operation of the facility for the first time, Staggs was also particularly pleased that the destruction of the conventional 20mm HEI rounds went off without a hitch.

"As part of our commissioning, we have selected rounds that can't, for various reasons, be processed through the Anniston Army Depot demolition pit," Staggs said. "The HEI rounds can't be processed there because of what's called an expulsion hazard, meaning that they could be shot off all over the place. So munition types like this are ideal for destruction in the SDC."

"So what we processed here today are potentially the first of several million conventional munitions and munition sub-components that could be processed through the SDC."

The SDC project is on schedule to begin destroying problematic chemical munitions early in 2011.



Systems Engineer Tim Bonds, left, pushed the button that sent the first tray of live munitions into the SDC for destruction on Wednesday.

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Safety stats

Days without a lost-time injury

1,182

Days without a recordable injury

47

Days without a first-aid injury

13

Previous first-aid record set on Aug. 7, 2008

51 days

Previous recordable injury record set on Nov. 16, 2004

258 days

Safety thought for the day

When walking through doors, open them with normal force as there maybe someone on the other side.

-- ANCDF Safety



Near Miss details protruding pipe on vehicle

A Near Miss report was submitted to the Project Safety Team recently which described an unsafe condition that was noticed near the onsite warehouse.

A vehicle was parked near the pedestrian walkway adjacent to the warehouse in the path that employees can take to get to the stairs above the upper parking lot. A pipe was located on top of the vehicle which protruded 5 to 6 feet past the end of the vehicle at eye level. The pipe was dark, not readily visible against the trees in the background, and was not marked with any type of warning flag or marker.

An employee came within 12 inches of striking the pipe which would most likely have resulted in broken glasses and injury to the worker. The employee was very fortunate to have noticed the pipe in time to avoid striking it.

We all must be mindful of the conditions we create when carrying loads on vehicles for safety reasons and to abide by the law. An excerpt from the Alabama Department of Public Safety Driver Manual states:

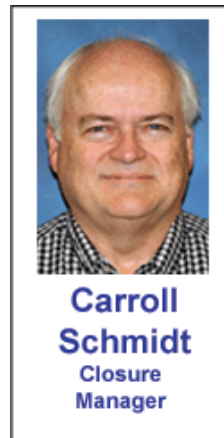
LOADS MUST CONFORM TO LAW

A load must not extend more than 5 feet beyond both the front and rear, inclusive, of the vehicle. If a load projects 4 feet or more from the rear of a vehicle, a red flag at least 12 inches square must be attached at its end in daytime and a red light, visible for at least 200 feet, must be attached to the end at night.

We all must be mindful of the conditions we create when carrying loads that extend beyond the obvious limits of the vehicle and do our best to position the vehicle to minimize risk. This can also apply to trailer-hitches receivers. I make it a habit to remove the ball insert from the trailer hitch on my vehicle when I'm not using it because I have whacked my shin on it before.

The Project Safety Team thanks the employee for the Near Miss observation.

Thanks and have a safe day!



Carroll Schmidt
Closure Manager

Fun Facts

- The gravity on Mars is 38 percent of that found on Earth. So a 100 pounds person on Earth would weigh 38 pounds on Mars.
- Every human spent about half an hour as a single cell.
- When the moon is directly overhead, you weigh slightly less.
- The world's population has been increased 3.1 billion in last 40 years.



October safety meeting schedule

WA Conference Room

Today, Oct. 19 and 21

3 p.m.

PMOC Conference Room

Oct. 20 and 21

10:15 a.m.

Scheduled to work this week:



Today



Friday, Oct. 15



Saturday, Oct. 16



Sunday, Oct. 17



Monday, Oct. 18



Tuesday, Oct. 19



Wed., Oct. 20



ANAD to increase enforcement of proper PPE for motorcyclists

Submitted by ANCDF Surety/Security Dept.

The Department of Defense police force that patrols the **Anniston Army Depot (ANAD)** will begin increased enforcement efforts to ensure that those operating motorcycles on the installation are wearing the proper **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**.

Also, a review of temporary installation passes will be conducted by ANAD Safety and those passes which are outside the grace period will be revoked.

Violations of the motorcycle PPE and riding requirements could result in a motor vehicle citation and/or the **revocation of your driving privileges on the installation (all driving privileges including cars, trucks, etc)**. So be prepared to comply with the motorcycle requirements.



To read the rules and PPE required for riding on the installation, [click here](#).

ANAD will offer a **Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF)**-approved motorcycle safety class on Oct. 29 and if you would like to sign up, contact Safety Technician Bea Holman at 256-240-3199 (direct line), 256-235-7541 (office) or 256-525-6659 (cell).

Remember, this class may save you money on your insurance, and it doesn't cost you anything but your time if taken through ANAD Safety. If you have completed an MSF course in the past you have met the requirement.

Weather forecast

Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night
Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Clear
Hi 73 °F	Lo 40 °F	Hi 76 °F	Lo 41 °F	Hi 74 °F	Lo 38 °F

Winners of the free Jax State football tickets for this Saturday announced



If you entered your name in the drawing to win a pair of free tickets to the Jacksonville State football game with Tennessee State on Saturday at 3 p.m., you could be a winner. [Click here](#) to see if your name is on the list of those selected to go see the Gamecocks try to improve to 7-0 at Burgess-Snow Stadium then contact [Ginger Harvey](#) to make arrangements to pick up your tickets.



Today

Misty Brand

Peggy Ford

Ronnie Murray

Annette Watson

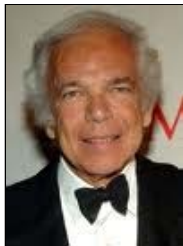
Born on this date

1644: Colonial leader William Penn.

1890: 34th U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower.

1910: Basketball coach John Wooden.

1927: British actor Roger Moore.



1939: Designer Ralph Lauren.

"Like what you do. If you don't like it, do something else."

-- Paul Harvey

Open enrollment for benefits coming soon

Recently, URS employees received post cards as a reminder about the 2011 Benefits Open Enrollment.

This year's Open Enrollment period will bring some significant changes to the benefits plans offered by URS so to help you select the plans that best meet the needs of you and your family, a personalized enrollment package will be sent to your home address the week of Oct. 25. When you receive the package, please review your options carefully, considering your current benefits compared to your anticipated needs in 2011.

The enrollment dates for this year will be Oct. 29 through Nov. 15. Please remember that this year's enrollment will be an **active** enrollment meaning that in order for you to retain coverage under most of the plans, you **must** go on-line via Employee Self Service to make your benefit elections.

Additional enrollment information will be communicated as it is received. To read in more detail the information that has already been received from corporate on these pending benefit changes, click to the [Human Resources page](#).

On this date in ...

1926 - "Winnie-the-Pooh", made its debut on this day. Alan Alexander Milne wrote this and other delightful, "Winnie-the-Pooh" stories, centering the tales around his little son, Christopher Robin, and Christopher's stuffed animals.

1947 - U.S. Air Force Captain Charles Yeager rode the X-1, attached to the belly of a B-29 bomber, to an altitude of 25,000 feet over dry Rogers Lake in California. After releasing from the B-29, he rocketed to an altitude of 40,000 feet and became the first person to break the sound barrier.



1994 - Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin shared the Nobel Peace Prize "for their efforts to diminish the part played by nuclear arms in international politics and in the longer run to eliminate such arms."

ANCDF 4.2-inch mustard mortar processing summary

Mortar rounds processed as of midnight	Gallons of mustard processed as of midnight	Total mortar rounds processed to date	Total gallons of mustard processed to date
1,080	615	212,378	107,270

LPMD processing summary

Mortar rounds processed yesterday	Mortar rounds reconfigured yesterday	Total rejects
264	261	3

More photos from the SDC's big day



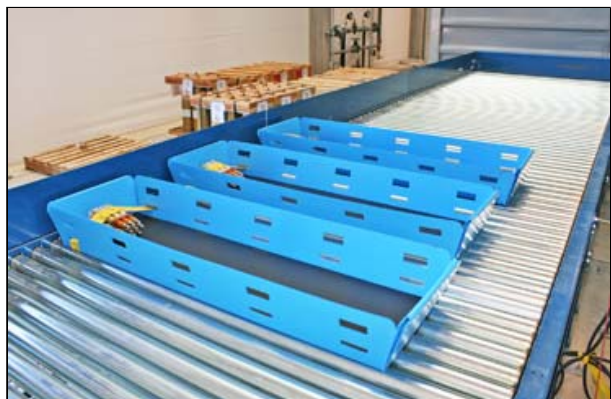
The first truck carrying energetic material for destruction in the SDC as it pulled through the gate at Building 695.



Munitions Handlers Larry Sheffield, left and Joey Young unstrap the first crate of munitions to start them through the SDC process.



SDC Area Supervisor Gene Wells, left, and Munitions Handler David Hayden open the first crate of munitions to examine their condition.



The first trays with the munitions securely taped into them head down the line for processing.