

# **NEWPORT CHEMICAL DEPOT, INDIANA (JOINT CROSS SERVICE GROUP – INDUSTRIAL)**

## **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDATION**

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Close Newport Chemical Depot, IN.

## **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JUSTIFICATION**

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There is no additional chemical demilitarization workload slated to go to Newport Chemical Depot. The projected date for completion of existing workload is 2nd quarter of 2008. There is no further use for Newport Chemical Depot.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

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There were no formal expressions from the community.

## **COMMISSION FINDINGS**

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The Commission found that the International Chemical Weapons Convention Treaty requires completion of the chemical demilitarization mission prior to closure of this depot. An examination of status information for this depot's mission completion and subsequent closure revealed that dates may slip beyond the six-year statutory period for completion of BRAC actions. Furthermore, mission completion and closure dates beyond 2011 exceed the BRAC implementation period.

## **COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Commission found that the Secretary of Defense deviated substantially from final selection criteria 1 and 4, as well as from the Force Structure Plan. Therefore, the Commission recommends the following:

On completion of the chemical demilitarization mission in accordance with Treaty obligations, close Newport Chemical Depot, IN.

The Commission found that this change and the recommendation as amended are consistent with the final selection criteria and the Force Structure Plan. The full text of this and all Commission recommendations can be found in Appendix Q.