

# **DESERET CHEMICAL DEPOT, UTAH (JOINT CROSS SERVICE GROUP – INDUSTRIAL)**

## **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDATION**

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Close Deseret Chemical Depot, UT. Transfer the storage igloos and magazines to Tooele Army Depot, UT.

## **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JUSTIFICATION**

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There is no additional chemical demilitarization workload slated to go to Deseret Chemical Depot. The projected date for completion of its existing workload is 2nd quarter of 2008. Because of the close proximity of Deseret Chemical Depot to Tooele Army Depot, the sophistication of the security system, the number and conditions of igloos and magazines, this recommendation increases the storage and distribution deployment network capability at Tooele Army Depot at a minimal cost.

## **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. Mission completion and closure dates beyond 2011 exceed the BRAC implementation period. The Commission notes that the community would like the opportunity to convert the chemical demilitarization plant into a conventional munitions demilitarization plant within the BRAC implementation timeframe.

## **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 and if, after completion of a comprehensive study to evaluate Deseret Chemical Depot, UT, as a site for conventional weapons demilitarization it is shown that such a use is not feasible, close Deseret Chemical Depot, UT. Transfer the storage igloos and magazines to Tooele Army Depot, UT.

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.