

DESERET CHEMICAL DEPOT

UTAH

LOCATION

Deseret Chemical Depot (DCD) is located in the northwest central portion of the State of Utah in eastern Tooele County. It lies approximately seventeen miles south of the city of Tooele and forty miles southwest of Salt Lake City. Access to the depot is via County Road 198, connecting State Highway 73 to the Main (North) Gate and via state Highway 73 directly connecting to the Doolittle Road and the East Gate.

Deseret Chemical Depot is located in Rush Valley, with the Oquirrh Mountains to the east the Onaqui Mountains to the west. Settlement in Rush Valley is rural and sparse. The largest town is Stockton (population of approximately 550) located at the north portion of the valley fourteen miles from DCD. Other small towns in the valley include Rush Valley, Ophir, Vernon and Faust.

SIZE

Acres: 19,364

Square Footage of Buildings: 1,373,864 SF

Plant Replacement Value: \$515,178,000

HISTORY

The construction of Deseret Chemical Depot began in 1942 and was completed in 1943. It predominately sustained a chemical munitions mission. In 1955, the Deseret Chemical Depot was placed under the command of Tooele Army Depot and underwent major expansion and was known as Deseret Chemical Activity. In 1962, the depot was renamed Tooele Army Depot South Area.

Under the direction of the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization (PMCD), the Chemical Agent Munitions Disposal System (CAMDS) was constructed at the depot in the late 1970s. The CAMDS mission was to develop and test methods of safely destroying the chemical munitions in the US arsenal. CAMDS toxic operations and testing began on 10 September 1979.

In the 1990s, the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (TOCDF) was constructed at DCD for the purpose of destroying the entire depot chemical munitions stockpile. As with CAMDS, TOCDF was constructed and operated under the direction of the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization. On 22 August 1996 the facility began toxic operations.

The depot name was again changed in 1995 to Tooele Chemical Activity. Then in October of 1996 the Depot was placed under the command of the US Army Chemical Biological Defense Command and was once again named Deseret Chemical Depot. In 1998 the depot retained the name of Deseret Chemical Depot, but was placed under the US Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command (SBCCOM).

In 2001 CAMDS was merged with DCD under SBCCOM. The CAMDS plant and Deseret Chemical Depot storage mission were combined and renamed the Oquirrh Mountain Facility (OMF) at DCD.

In 2003 SBCCOM and PMCD were combined into one command, the Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) bringing TOCDF under direct command of the depot. The reorganization brought the operations of chemical depots, formerly under SBCCOM, and the construction and operations of chemical disposal facilities under one organization.

MISSIONS

The current major functions performed at the depot are as follows:

- DCD – Storage, surveillance and maintenance of chemical agent munitions and wastes.
- TOCDF – Demilitarization of chemical agent munitions.
- TOCDF and OMF – treatment and disposal of wastes generated by storage and destruction of the munitions.

MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS

TOCDF

OMF

DCD Chemical Munitions Storage

POPULATION

	Authorized
Military	186
Civilian	466
Contractor	1,874
Student	0
Other	4
TOTAL	2,530