



Computer-generated image of the Shchuch'ye chemical weapons destruction facility. Source: U.S. Defence Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)



Second main destruction building



Railway entering the CWDF industrial zone and arriving at the destruction building



Accomplishments to date

The serious threat posed by the chemical weapons stockpile in Russia, as well as the enormous task of destroying them, has been recognized by the G8 countries along with a dozen other donors who are contributing to the Russian Chemical Weapons Destruction Program.

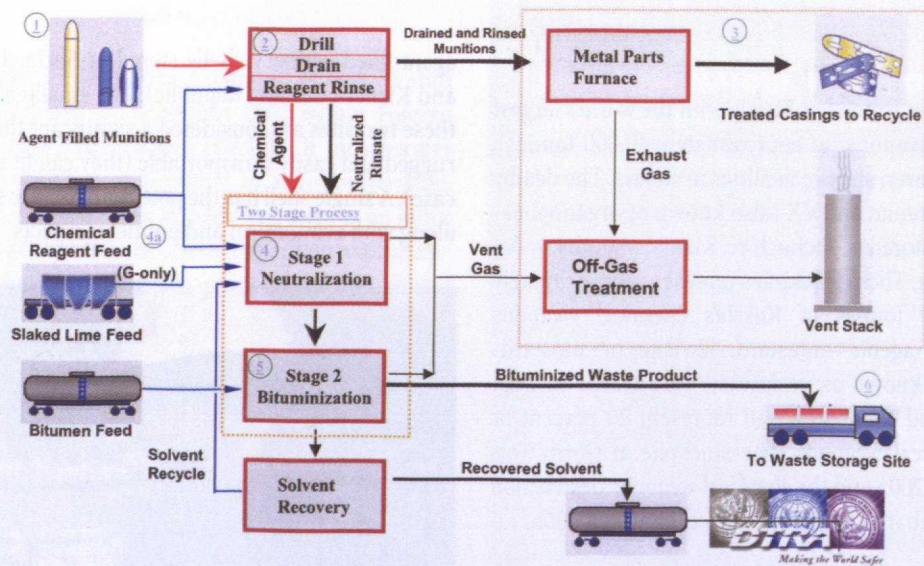
As a State Party to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), Russia is legally obliged to destroy its entire stockpile by the last possible deadline of April 29, 2012. Russia has significantly increased its budget toward its Chemical Weapons Destruction Program in the last couple of years, and has appealed to the international community to contribute to this challenging and expensive endeavour. To date, 18 countries have been involved in this effort. Canada is working at Shchuch'ye in close collaboration with the U.K.

Progress made in 2006-2007

Projects at the Shchuch'ye CWDF:

Railway: Canada is funding the construction of an 18-kilometre railway that is required to safely and securely transport the munitions from the storage facility to the destruction buildings. Canada has committed up to \$33 million for the project, and has also received a US\$1 million contribution from the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI), a U.S. non-governmental organization (NGO). This NTI contribution is being used toward the construction of the railway bridge over the Miass River. The construction of the railway project, including the bridge, is well under way and is on schedule for completion by the end of 2007.

RUSSIAN CHEMICAL WEAPONS DESTRUCTION PROCESS AT SHCHUCH'YE



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