



## Chemical Weapons Elimination

# CDC Participation in the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program

CDC's participation in the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) is limited. CDC will address issues and answer questions from state health departments on resolving technical issues or clarifying information related to our [medical readiness guidelines](#) published in the *Federal Register*.

## CDC Contributions to CSEPP

During the early days of the CSEPP program, local communities asked CDC to provide medical training in the treatment of chemical casualties. This training was conducted from 1987 to 1990.

In the 1990s, CDC recognized a need for local medical readiness guidance in responding to a chemical release in the community. In 1995, CDC proposed minimum standards for medical resources before initiating chemical disposal operations. These [minimum standards](#) were published in the *Federal Register* in 1994.

CDC has evaluated the medical readiness capabilities of communities at the request of the state health department. CDC evaluated the Tooele, Utah, and Umatilla, Oregon, facilities. CDC is conducting evaluations of the facilities in Pueblo, Colorado, and Blue Grass, Kentucky.

For more information on community and individual protection from chemical agents, see

- [Facts About Sheltering in Place](#)
- [Facts About Evacuation](#)
- [Facts About Personal Cleaning and Disposal of Contaminated Clothing](#)
- [Facts About Personal Protective Clothing](#)