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Bringing Back Outside Testing a Collaborative Effort

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During May, a cutting-edge missile system underwent testing and evaluation at Dugway Proving Ground (DPG). The test program was not new to DPG, but the work it took to bring it back amidst the COVID-19 pandemic was.

“The customer requested the test program be designated as ‘mission essential’ through the Department of Defense so testing could continue as scheduled during the pandemic,” said Stephen Balderas, West Desert Test Center (WDTC) Program Manager, who was the test lead.

The testing was deemed mission essential, with one requirement: DPG needed to create a COVID-19 mitigation risk assessment and an implementation plan to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the customers and DPG workforce.

“Safety is the top priority with any activity that is conducted here



Kevin Gill (left) and Johnny Gallegos (right), DPG scientific technical photographers, keep their distance from one another while setting up high-speed cameras prior to launch of the missile system. Photo by Becki Bryant, Dugway Public Affairs

them here without being infected, and then we needed to maintain a safe environment once they were here.”

Modes of transportation



Johnny Gallegos, DPG Scientific Technical Photographer, wears a mask as he checks the monitors displaying the view from several cameras set to capture the launch and detonation of an innovative missile system recently tested at DPG. Photo by Becki Bryant, Dugway Public Affairs

at Dugway,” said Philip Krippner, Director of Installation Safety. “But COVID-19 presented unique challenges that had never before been addressed.”

Those challenges included customer origin and mode of transportation. Were visitors coming from a coronavirus hotspot? How would they be traveling to Dugway?

“We had 30 people coming to Dugway for this test,” Balderas explained. “We needed to get

included a military plane for active duty, private vehicles and commercial air, during which travelers had to social distance when possible, wear a mask, and frequently wash or sanitize their hands, particularly after touching “high-touch” areas.

Test participants, including DPG employees, were closely monitored for symptoms before and during their stay and they

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About the Test

The first substantial outside customer test to come to Dugway during the COVID-19 pandemic was an innovative missile system. U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command (CCDC) launched and detonated the missile system multiple times at DPG to collect data on the system’s upgrades. The CCDC system, or other systems like it, have been tested at DPG since 2008.

“What started as a device that went a short distance with a small payload, can now go much farther and carry a bigger

payload,” said Greg Sarratt, Testing Director with the CCDC Aviation & Missile Center, located at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

Dugway’s test responsibilities included managing equipment, scheduling range time, air time, and radio frequency, providing high-speed video and targets, and, ensuring all personnel were out of the impact area and out of danger.

“Dugway provides good support,” said Sarratt. “The installation’s capabilities and test ranges are unique and the people here are good at what they do.”



This photo shows the impact of a missile system recently tested at Dugway. The testing and data collection of the system’s upgrades was almost postponed because of COVID-19 restrictions, which could have ultimately delayed getting the new technology on the battlefield and in the hands of warfighters. Photo by DPG Test Referee Branch

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down into many factors and operational areas that are quite different, but lead toward the same thing. For example, supporting the mission of Dugway and sustaining the community has vast differences in how it is applied. However, we are all working toward this end and without teamwork, would never get there. Each and every day we all show up, virtually or in person, to support the mission and community. Many people are counting on all of us to do our part collectively to keep things running and I think we all take this to heart. It's evident now more than ever under our current conditions, that we take the concept of teamwork to heart.

Teamwork

What does teamwork really mean to you? While there are many books written on the subject of teamwork, team development and team dynamics, I would boil teamwork down to several key things. Working together towards a common goal would be the first part. Keep in mind that this common goal may be broken

This isn't an individual sport and we all have to work together to make things happen. We have all seen or been part of dysfunctional teams and teams that work well together. This is the second part I want to talk about. Teamwork is much more than just accomplishing a task. The ability to work through challenges in a group from personality conflicts and communication to differences in how to tackle a problem, or getting a team member to pull their weight create their own unique tests. If you got the mission done, but burned every bridge along the way, that is not success. Effective teams manage this well and maintain the integrity of the team. With less people and resources now, we continue to find effective ways to work together to support Dugway

and do so in a way that supports each other and the Army Values.

The final thing I want to talk about is inclusion. It is very important that all of Team Dugway feels a part of what we do and that they belong. No one likes to feel they are on the outside looking in and not part of things. We all have the opportunity to be a leader and as leaders, we should always be looking for ways to include others and ensure every team member feels connected to our organization. One of our strengths as Team Dugway, is that we always look for ways to include others and take an inclusive approach to success. Without each other, we would not succeed in our mission. Also, it has been great to see folks turning tasks into team building

events and inviting others to join. It becomes less of a job and more of an opportunity to strengthen our professional relationships and get to know each other better.

In closing, remember that teamwork is not just about getting the mission done. Working through challenges and being inclusive are also critical elements of teamwork and sustaining success. Thank you for what you do every day to support the Dugway mission and our community. We have had to be incredibly flexible and creative under our current conditions with COVID-19 and you are all doing amazing work together. Keep up the great work and together we will continue to support the needs of the Dugway mission and community.

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had to follow additional preventative steps along with those already in place on post under HPCON Charlie (see bullet points below in DPG COVID-19 Status). Additional hygienic requirements included cleaning common areas 3x a day, requiring gloves to be worn when handling common use items and sanitizing those items between use,

maximizing the HVAC system inside work trailers to effectively circulate the air, requiring safety glasses in addition to masks when working in close, shoulder-to-shoulder quarters, and providing hand sanitizer throughout work areas.

"One small change that we made that had a big impact was relocating the hand washing station," noted Balderas. "Instead

of putting it outside the portable bathrooms, which already had hand sanitizer dispensers inside, we placed the washing station in the center of the work area and it was used a lot. It was very effective."

Once testing was complete, test items were left in place for at least 72 hours before being sanitized and shipped back to the customer, said Balderas, providing another layer of protection against a possibly contaminated surface.

When asked about the required preventative steps that needed to be taken, a test customer said, "It's been really easy, and we're happy to do it. We want to protect everyone's safety, and we can't stop our weapons development. It is vital to get this technology to warfighters as fast as we can."

Fourteen days after returning home, none of the customers reported having signs or symptoms of the coronavirus.

"That demonstrates that everybody did the right thing," Dr.

Kenneth Gritton, DPG Technical Director, assured. "We outlined our expectations in the plan, the procedures were followed, and we demonstrated that we can test safely during the pandemic."

The initial infectious environment risk assessment and implementation plan have been transformed into a template that is being included in future DPG test plans while the pandemic persists.

EMPOWERING THE NATION'S DEFENDERS



Dugway Proving Ground remains at HPCON CHARLIE, and as conditions allow we expect to transition to HPCON BRAVO.

What does our recovery plan look like? You can view the details [HERE](#).

While everything will not implement immediately, the intent is to execute a deliberate process to return to a new normal in a safe manner and as conditions allow. In the meantime, please continue to execute our HPCON C required protective measures such as:

- Sanitize work areas and frequently touched items and surfaces daily.
- Frequently wash and sanitize hands.
- Limit groups to 10 people or less.
- Vehicles on post are limited to 2 occupants. Occupants must wear masks. This does not apply to family members from the same household.
- Social distance required. If a six-foot distance between people cannot be maintained, masks must be worn.

For additional information on COVID-19 and its impact on DPG, visit: <https://www.dugway.army.mil/Coronavirus/index.html>

Thank you for your continued support in helping protect Dugway and our community.

COL Gould and CSM Brinkman

New Spec-Ops Mask Faces Testing at DPG

By Al Vogel

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Personnel at the Combined Chemical Test Facility will soon test the Avon M53 protective mask, developed with features to meet the requirements of Special Operations units. The extensive testing is expected to begin this month at West Desert Test Center, Dugway Proving Ground, the nation's primary facility to test defenses against chemical and biological agents.

"The Avon M53 is highly regarded by users and agencies throughout the world due to its protective features," said Test Officer Andrew Neafsey. "We will aggressively challenge this mask in order to verify the high level of performance required."

The M53 is a variant of the currently issued Avon M50 mask, designed by the Department of Defense to meet the requirements of the Joint Services General Purpose Mask. Like the M50, the M53 is designed to resist traditional chemical and biological warfare agents, select Toxic Industrial Materials (TIM), and



Testing of the M53 protective mask, created for Special Operations warfighters, will begin soon at Dugway Proving Ground. The M53 is a variant of the M50 mask, once tested extensively at DPG and now current-issue to all services. Photo ©Cliff Patrick / www.tacticalimage.com

particulates (including radioactive dust).

Among the features of the M53 is better integration with combat helmets and communication headsets, use as a negative pressure CBRN mask or as a positive pressure SCBA, and improved face fit, protection and comfort.

The M53 is designed to work with most PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) without

having to remove or change components. It can supply its wearer with filtered air from surroundings, tanks, air purifying respirator or rebreather.

The M53 is built by Avon Protection Systems of Cadillac, Michigan, a U.S. subsidiary of Avon Rubber of the United Kingdom that has been making respirators and protective masks since the 1920s.

Range Cleanup

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With some customers having to delay training and testing at Dugway Proving Ground because of travel complications wrought by the pandemic, Dugway is taking advantage of the slowed pace to do spring cleaning.

The installation's largest contractor, Jacobs, has assigned some of its support personnel to ranges and facilities that need

mowing, weed trimming, scrap metal removal and other cleanup. At one site, they spent two days picking up empty cartridge cases; all metals, whatever their origin, are recycled.

Chris Johnson, Chief of Special Programs Division, and Chad Hillstead, Senior Mechanical Technician with Jacobs, seized the cleanup opportunity while the weather was good and the ranges were available. Johnson oversees

the project. Hillstead and Derik Andrus, of Jacobs, coordinate the crews. Jerry Metcalf and Dirk Johnson operate heavy equipment.

Contractors tasked to the range cleanup effort are Konnor Glavin, Dylan Hodges, Logan Hull, Dustin Kolb, Nate Millett, Austin Rice, Joe Wheeler, Blake Johansen and Maka Kioa.

The cleanup continues as the group identifies sites in need.



Christian Courtney stacks 3-inch aluminum pipe, left over from a test many years ago, onto the bed of a truck for recycling. Photos by Al Vogel, Dugway Public Affairs



The firing range at German Village (structure in the background) was littered with old rocket tubes, inert munitions used in training, ammo boxes and other cast-offs. Cleanup crews tackled it; the result is in the next photo.



German Village firing range after the cleanup, with only a few castoffs awaiting pickup. The reduced customer use because of the pandemic and travel limitations, coupled with good weather, made the cleanup possible. Personnel who might otherwise be working on tests were detailed for range cleanup.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Chaplain (LTC) Shawn P. Gee

As we continue with virtual worship, I'd like to personally invite you to worship with us. Sunday Protestant Services are livestreamed at 1100 hours (MST) on the Dugway Hope Chapel [Facebook page](#). We're excited to now offer Virtual Children's Church. Check our Facebook Page each week for the new lesson. Also, we're really excited to be offering virtual, yes, virtual Vacation Bible School here at DPG. It's called Bolt! Our VBS will have fun outside games, music by Citizen Way, origami and, of course, Bible lessons for kids from 2 to 82! Bolt VBS will be on June 15—17. It's going to be a lot of virtual fun! So be on the lookout for more info about this awesome time!

For Roman Catholics, you can worship virtually, as well. The Catholic virtual worship opportunities are found on the Saint Marguerite [Facebook page](#) which streams daily Mass.

In times like these, it's important

to stay connected. We must stay socially and spiritually connected to counteract the extreme vulnerabilities that come with isolation. Vulnerabilities like: suicide, substance abuse, sexual harassment and assault, domestic violence, and other risk taking behavior can be mitigated. Please know that if you are struggling, please reach out using the many methods that are available to you in order to take care of yourself. I am a resource and can help point you to other resources. I'm available via text and cell phone at 435-830-8929.

Dugway Hope Chapel is already planning and looking forward to gathering with our congregation in-person again, hopefully in the very near future! But in the meantime, it's my prayer that we are staying connected and experiencing spiritual resiliency.

May God bless you and may God bless the United States of America.

Young Owl Rescued

By Al Vogel

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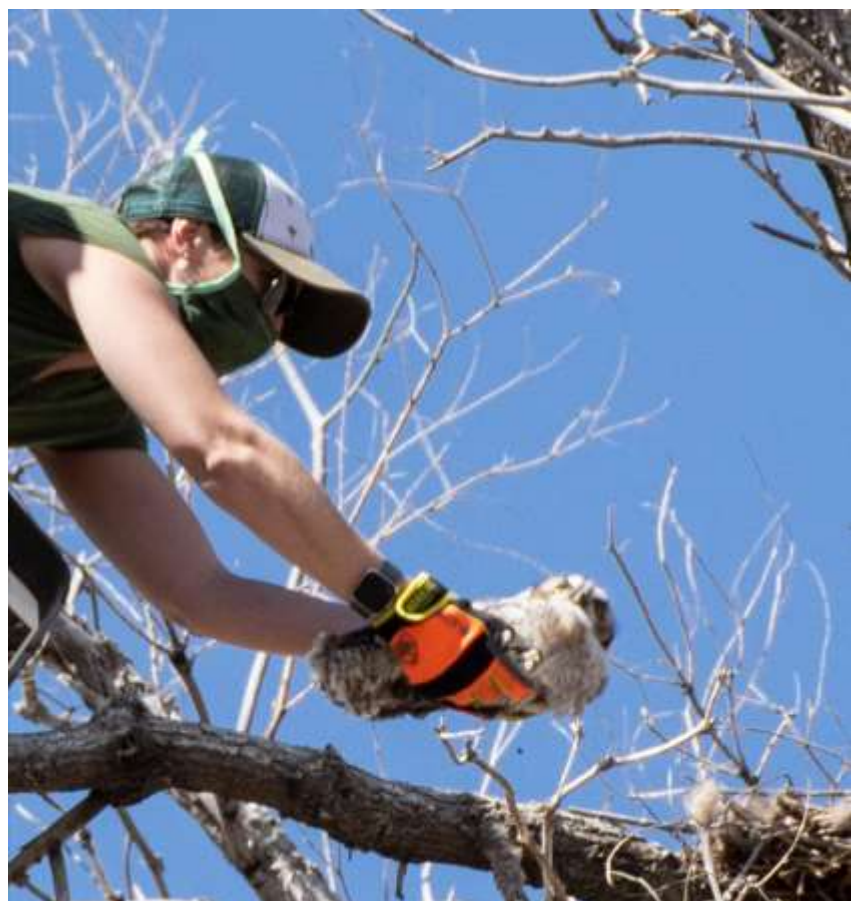
Law enforcement managers Jim Dekanich and Ron Johnson were out for a walk the afternoon of May 8 at Dugway Proving Ground when they spotted a young great horned owl below a tree.

Too young to fly, the bird would have been easy prey for a passing predator. The two men called Dispatch for a rescue; Dugway Fire Department and the Natural Resources Office of the

Environmental Programs Division responded.

Keeli Marvel, natural resources specialist, caught the young owl. While Keeli approached the nest to return the owl, a second nestling jumped out in fright. Since it was a little older than the nestling, it was returned to a limb of the tree. Neither birds were injured.

Dekanich said they change walking routes often. It was fortuitous they took this route.



Keeli Marvel safely places a young great horned owl back in its nest. Just before this owl was returned, another owl a little older fled the nest at seeing the humans approaching it. It was returned to a limb on the tree. Photo by Al Vogel, Dugway Public Affairs

Dugway, CBC Collaborate on New Test Cell

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Test personnel at Dugway Proving Ground (DPG) and the Combat Capabilities Development Command (CCDC, formerly Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland) are working together on a new test cell that will challenge protective suit materials made bulky by seams or closures. The DPG Machine Shop won the bid to build 30 of the prototype test fixtures for assessment; half were shipped to Maryland, the other 15 will be assessed at DPG.

Cooperation between DPG's West Desert Test Center (WDTC) and CCDC's Chemical and Biological Center (CBC) cultivated an exchange of ideas on the project from scientists, engineers and test personnel.

"This level of collaboration between Edgewood and Dugway has been exhilarating, and the test community is happy to see it occurring," said Larry Russon, Senior Project Scientist for Team

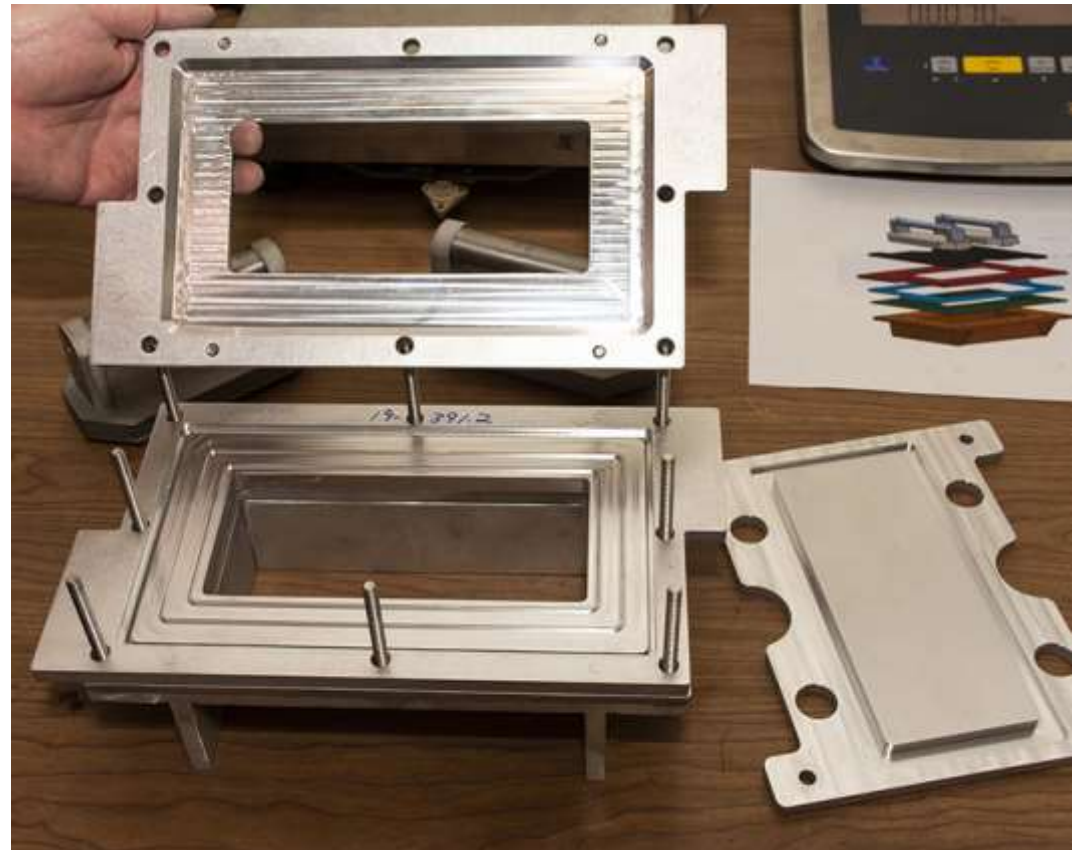
SURVICE, a contractor at DPG.

Testing of seams and closures for leaks stems from the need to eventually test the next generation of chemical protection suits for the Uniform Integrated Protective Ensemble (UIPE) program. The current Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology (JSLIST) is at least 20 years old and in need of replacement.

A shared problem, and a series of events, led to both test centers working together.

Before clothing designed to protect the wearer from chemical and biological hazards is tested, the material from which it's made goes through rigorous testing. The properties of flat, smooth material become known, but material made bulky and oddly shaped by a zipper, seam or fastener may respond differently.

"It is difficult to seal swatches of material that have bulky profiles in test cells, because the O-rings we typically use are hard rubber; they can't conform to the bulky material," Russon explained.



When the layer of tested material is secured in the 3X7-inch opening, and the layer of sorbent secured behind it, a solid block of aluminum with memory foam on the end comes up from beneath. The memory foam conforms to the test material made bulky by a closure. A layer of Teflon is secured over the contaminated material, then two weights producing 21 pounds of pressure are placed on the Teflon to produce 1 pound of pressure per square inch.



The completed test cell, as it would appear during testing in a fixture. The agent-contaminated material with a bulky closure such as a seam or zipper is held securely between two plates, called "tracks."

Consequently, Russon submitted a proposal to DPG, seeking funding to develop a test cell specifically designed for testing bulky material. Rather than O-rings, Russon proposed materials that would conform under pressure to the bulk's shape.

At the same time Russon sought funding from DPG, the Deputy Under-Secretary of the Army for Test and Evaluation (DUSA-TE) began releasing funding to identify and close testing gaps.

Darren Jolley, DPG Physical Scientist, sought DUSA-TE funding to develop a test cell for bulky material. Scientists at CBC did too. DUSA-TE suggested DPG and CBC collaborate. They agreed to, and funding was provided.

"The design was started with something that the CBC had in mind, and was refined with input from personnel at both sites," Russon said. Adopted suggestions include

oversized tabs on the racks for easier handling with gloves, and replacing wing nuts with hex nuts for use with a power wrench. Engineers and machinists met to discuss the most cost-effective means of manufacturing.

"By eliminating the sharp corners, we saved 60 labor hours," Norman Hill, DPG Machine Shop Supervisor said. **"We also eliminated two screws from each compression weight, reducing the total of tapped and threaded holes by 60, saving an additional 20 hours."**

The 30 aluminum test cells were built with 630 labor hours and \$8,500 in materials for a total of \$39,000, Hill said.

Ultimately, the collaboration will produce prototype test cells that are expected to accurately reveal leaks in seams and closures, and protect warfighters and others who face deadly chemicals as a weapon or in industrial mishaps.

After Decades, Colors Fly Over Ditto Again

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For the first time in decades, the national colors regularly fly over the Ditto Area of Dugway Proving Ground. The May 21 ceremony raising the flag was conducted by Soldiers from the Dugway Health Clinic.

Since the early 1950s, Old Glory has flown from the Command Building in English Village, 11 miles from Ditto. The Ditto flagpole stopped flying the colors regularly in the 1990s or earlier. It flew only occasionally

for special events.

DPG's Command Sgt. Maj. Kyle Brinkman said that Ditto workers requested that the flag be flown. He examined the issue, and determined it could be done with minor changes to post policy.

"We decided it was right and proper to fly the national colors here at Ditto," DPG Commander Col. Scott Gould said during the ceremony. **"It represents what we defend. Ditto is the 'center of gravity' for Dugway. Without it, we would not exist. We would not be here today."**



Soldiers from the Dugway Health Clinic raise the flag May 21. Left to right: Sgt. Aaron Daen, Spc. Malcolm Roach, Spc. Nathan Baker, Spc. Reef Gabriel and Spc. Huff Rahmel. Photo by Al Vogel, Dugway Public Affairs

Bob Abston – Off to New Home on Range

By Al Vogel

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In September 2017 Bob Abston accepted the position of Supervisor of Range and Airfield Operations at Dugway Proving Ground.

“It was a promotion, and offered the challenge to work on an austere range,” Abston said. Prior to coming to DPG, he was a Range Safety Officer at Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona.

Now, he’s moving on again – to South Korea, but Abston enjoyed the responsibility of overseeing tests, training and activities on DPG’s ranges and airfield. “Live fire, artillery, demolition, that kind of activity,” he said. “I’m responsible to ensure that it’s safely conducted.”

Abston’s been involved in range management for 40-some years, first as a Soldier then 16 years as a government civilian. Seven years were on test and evaluation ranges. Before that he operated training ranges, including some in Afghanistan.

To get the job done safely on DPG, he’s relied on 18 to 20 government and contract employees – the figure changes with mission requirements. “I’ve got quite a

good group of competent employees out here,” he said.

In South Korea, Abston will be in charge of the northern range area – known as Area 1 in the Army -- with numerous large ranges, some of them edging the Demilitarized Zone.

One of his proudest DPG accomplishments has been the updating of DPG Regulation 350-19, which oversees how firing ranges are safely used and maintained.

“Mr. Bob Abston has been an outstanding branch chief,” said Perry Sosa, Chief of the Operations Division. “During Bob’s tenure he led the updated DPG Regulation 350-19 which required concurrences from all DPG stakeholders. Bob brought his in-depth knowledge of weapons safety danger zones and applied this knowledge to better DPG range activities.”

Abston said he will miss some things: the western Rocky Mountains, the elevation, wildlife, getting away from everything in the mountains or desert.

“It’s been a blast, it’s been fun. In the range community, having a blast is always a BLAST,” he quipped.



Bob Abston, Supervisor of Range and Airfield Operations at Dugway Proving Ground since 2017, has accepted a new position in South Korea. He will oversee the northern range area near the Demilitarized Zone, known as Area 1 in the U.S. Army. Photo by Al Vogel, Dugway Public Affairs

DPG-Made Boxes Play Standin

By Al Vogel

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The Dugway Metal Shop recently completed the manufacture of 15 acrylic boxes to hold a sensor that will count the number and size of chemical agent droplets in a new test fixture.

Seven of the acrylic boxes will be connected at one time to the Liquid Aerosol Detector Fixture (LADF) by a clear tube to a central manifold dispensing the agent. The LADF is undergoing testing

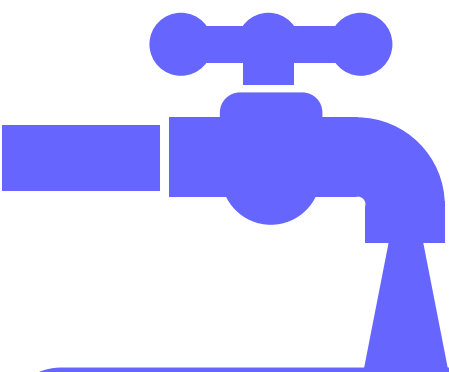
with the boxes to ensure it functions as required before detectors are tested.

The boxes will provide a sealed pathway for the droplets to follow from the droplet generator to a carbon filter. Data will be analyzed to determine how well the LADF controls the droplets it distributes.

Eventually, the acrylic boxes will be replaced with chemical agent detectors, to be tested to possibly become the Next Generation Chemical Agent Detector.



Jody Nielson, an Engineer Technician with the DPG Metal Shop, stands beside a computerized laser cutter used for cutting acrylic sheets. It cuts to exacting dimensions, and the pieces require no smoothing or final finishing, saving a lot of labor, time and expense. Photos by Al Vogel, Dugway Public Affairs



English Village Water Meets Criteria

The quality of drinking water in English Village meets or exceeds federal and state requirements. Three groundwater wells were regularly tested throughout 2019 for 16 regulated contaminants including arsenic, nitrates and total dissolved solids (TDS). None of the contaminants exceeded limits regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency or the Utah Division of Drinking Water.

“Our goal is to provide a safe, dependable supply of drinking water,” said Steve Sheffey, DPG Physical Scientist, who oversees the water quality. “We continually make improvements to our water treatment process to protect our water resources by sampling and monitoring as required by law and taking investigative samples to ensure our treatment processes are constantly providing safe drinking water.”

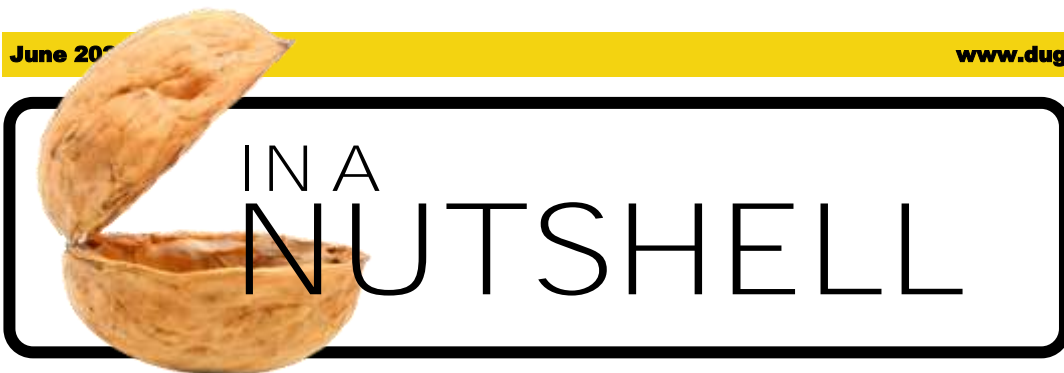
Drinking water in the West Desert Test Center (WDTC) is monitored as thoroughly as English Village, but does not require a consumer confidence report (CCR) by law because it is considered a non-transient, non-community water system.

To view the 2019 CCR for English Village drinking water, visit: <https://www.dugway.army.mil/documents/English%20Village%20Water%20Consumer%20Confidence%20Report%202019.pdf>

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Sam Hill, DPG Metal Shop Supervisor, holds a Secondary Containment Box his shop crafted largely from acrylic. The box will contain a sensor to count the number and size of chemical vapor droplets passing through—important data when testing chemical agent detectors.



ARMY STOP MOVEMENT

What is it?

Army stop movement is a DOD-mandated order, from March 2020, that pauses the Permanent Change of Station (PCS) moves for Soldiers, Civilians and Family members in an effort to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. This measure aims to protect U.S. personnel and preserve the operational readiness of the global force.

What are the current and past efforts of the Army?

The initial 60-day stop move order was extended through June 30, 2020 to protect the health of Soldiers, Civilians, and Family members.

The stop move occurs during the height of PCS season and impacts the moves of many Soldiers and their Families. The Army has implemented changes to PCS policies and initiatives for an easier and less stressful relocation to the next duty station. To mitigate the impact of the stop movement and to protect the health of the force, the Army has taken several measures to balance readiness:

- Approval of exceptions to policy by appropriate authority to travel prior to June 30, 2020 are on a case-by-case basis - deemed mission essential, humanitarian reasons, or extreme hardship.
- Soldiers on retirement and separation orders are not impacted by the stop move.
- Soldiers with a report date after June 30, 2020 can request household goods (HHG) pickup 30 days prior to their departure date
- Documentation supporting termination of rental lease agreement or government/privatized housing and home sale authorizes pick up of HHG shipment, and placement into storage at origin.

- Required health screening for movers with written certification before beginning any work in a residence.
- Adherence to the Center for Disease Control COVID-19 health protection protocols by moving crews while in a residence.

What continued efforts does the Army have planned?

With support from the Army SHARP Academy, ARD will lead planning and coordination of prevention planning and execution with stakeholders. A follow-on implementation plan will further address and support the requirements of the DoD Prevention Plan of Action and objectives within the Army People Strategy lines of effort.

What continued efforts does the Army have planned?

The stop move is being reviewed every 15 days for adjustments as needed. After the stop move ends, the Army is in the process of reviewing other initiatives and policy changes, to improve and streamline the relocation process, to include:

- Expanding incentives for Personally Procured Moves or "Do-It-Yourself" moves.
- Simplifying the claims process to allow identification of any lost and/or damaged household goods up to 180 days after delivery and offering members the choice to repair or receive full repair costs.
- Utilizing containerized/crated HHG shipments for moving within CONUS contingent upon set criteria and industry availability.

Why is this important to the Army?

People are the centerpiece of the Army. Taking care of Soldiers, Civilians, and Families is an enduring priority. The Army will continue to protect its people and ensure Army readiness.

(Source - Army STAND-TO)

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Safety

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The history of Dugway Proving Ground (DPG) includes conventional munitions, incendiary explosives, chemical ordnance, and even radioactive materials testing. Since DPG was first used as a testing range back in the 1940s, all manner of munitions have been dropped, placed or projected. Unfortunately, some of the ordnance tested or used for training did not detonate as intended and in some cases still remains part of the DPG range.

The Army realizes that many of its ranges have unexploded ordnance or UXO. There have been several documented cases of UXO mishaps where personnel were injured by ordnance that did not function as originally intended.

To lower the possibility of UXO harming someone, the Army requires UXO awareness training and DPG provides this training through the Installation Safety office in Ditto. Newcomers are also

provided with basic awareness training.

The Army's UXO Safety program is centered on the three R's: Recognize, Retreat and Report.

First, recognize that the object that you may see on DPG could be a UXO (a projectile shaped object on the range, or even an unidentified piece of metal half buried somewhere on DPG).

Second, retreat a safe distance from the object.

Third, report the approximate location. Call 911, your supervisor or even the Safety office. Someone will get you in touch with the explosives personnel in Ditto, who will locate the object and determine what kind of threat it presents.

Most items that could be considered UXOs are located on designated ranges, but unfortunately UXO could be anywhere on DPG. To be on the safe side, **remember the three R's to keep you, your co-workers and even your family safe.**



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