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# Munitions Cryofracture Demil Facility for the Area Denial Artillery Munition (ADAM) 155MM Projectile

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## **Project Driver**



- Global pressure to ban <u>anti-personnel</u> landmines
  - 1997 Ottawa treaty initiated, over 160 countries signed to date (US has not)



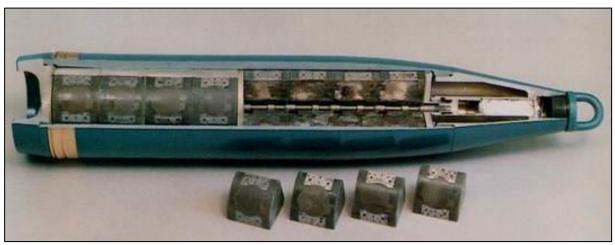
- 2014 US policy eliminated use of <u>all</u> landmines, directed to destroy stockpile
- Ongoing inquiry & scrutiny on demil status from the Administration, OSD, & Army G-4
- OPM Demil priority to establish a demil capability





# Area Denial Artillery Munition (ADAM) 155MM Projectile

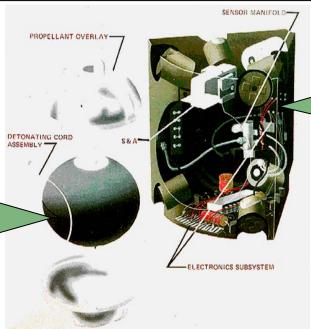




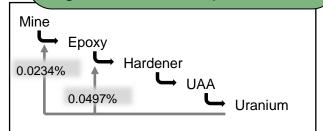


OVERLAY/KILL
MECHANISM
(O/KM): Golf ball
sized kill
mechanism with
double walled
aluminum overlay.





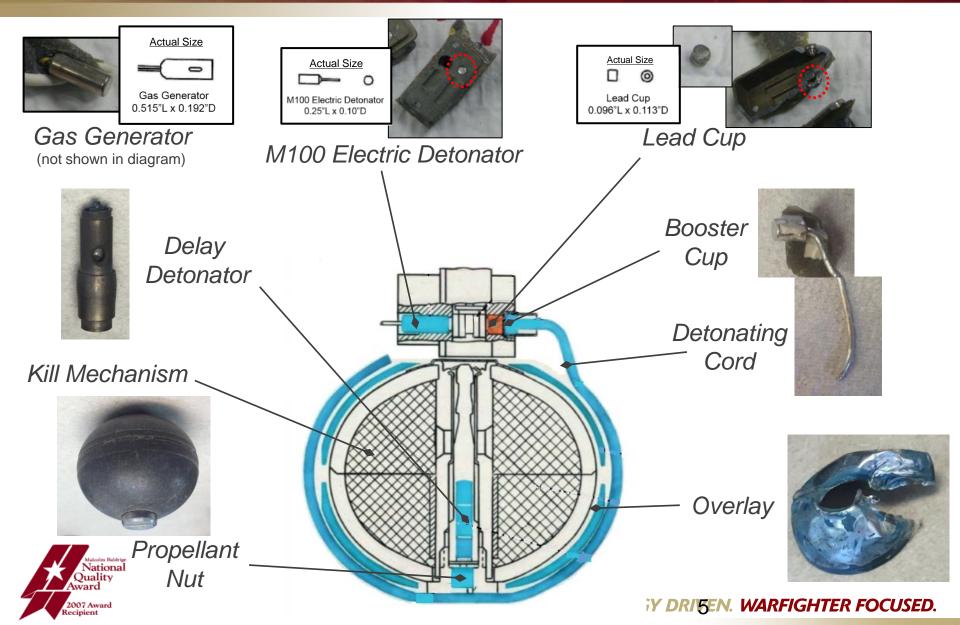
MINE HOUSING: Parts encased in an epoxy that contains the compound Uranyl Acetylacetonate – 0.0974 grams uranium per mine.





## **ADAM Mine Energetic Parts**







#### **Process Overview**



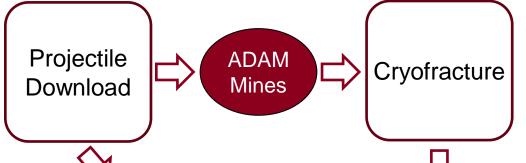
### Cryo expands kiln HE capability:

- Unconfined explosives reduce kiln detonations
- Defeats shaped charges

Crushed O/KMs APE 1236
Rotary Kiln Incinerator

 $\Rightarrow$ 

Disposal (Landfill)



Metal Parts

Recycle

Crushed Housings

Drum Heater

Disposal (Landfill)



## **Projectile Download Line**



- Manual stations
- Existing
   Ammunition
   Peculiar
   Equipment (APE)
   and Commercial
   equipment.









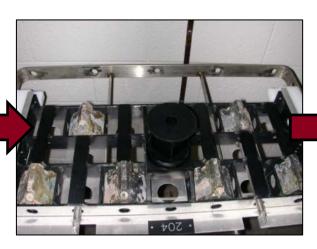


# **Cryofracture Process Nitrogen Soak**



 Individual mines are loaded into trays, then soaked in a liquid nitrogen bath.











# **Cryofracture Process Fracture/Separation**

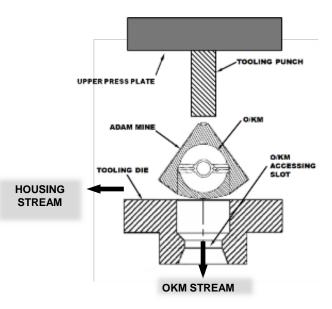


Mines are place on a press, punched/crushed & separated.

















# **Cryofracture Process**O/KM Incineration



Crushed OK/Ms are directed into the APE 1236 Rotary Kiln incinerator.









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# **Cryofracture Process Mine Housing Deactivation**



Crushed mine housings are directed into a drum heater.













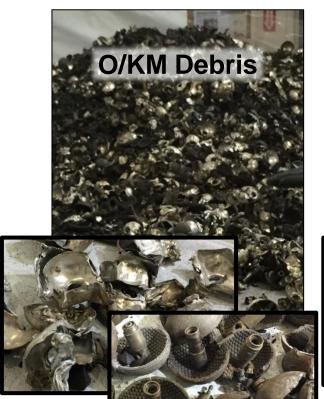


# **Cryofracture Process Debris Inspection**





- Enclosed negative pressure inspection tent to verify "Material Declared as Safe" (MDAS).
- Temporary measure, collecting data to support DDESB "approved means" determination.









## **Test Operations**



- Initial testing and low rate initial production (LRIP) conducted with loose (already downloaded) mines.
- Recent (2015) testing and LRIP demonstrated the download line and cryofracture reliability improvements.

Test	Non-Haz Mines	Live Mines	Total Mines	Projectiles Downloaded
Initial testing/LRIP	-	-	122,297	0
2015 testing/LRIP	4,313	67,536	71,849	304 @ TEAD 1,572 @ MCAAP
Total			194,146	1,876





- MCAAP APE 1236 rotary kiln incinerator pollution abatement upgrade project will be conducted Jan 2016 – Jun 2017.
  - Cryofracture transition to production is on hold until this is completed.
- Remaining tasks to transition to production:
  - Conduct training of MCAAP personnel on control room operations and maintenance activities. (MCAAP is already operating the download line, munitions feeding, and debris handling.)
  - Pursue DDESB "approved means" designation to lift inspection requirement.
  - Obtain NRC license.
  - Documentation and transition to production.





### **Project Team**





#### Product Manager for Demilitarization

Sponsor & Program Management

#### US Army RDECOM-ARDEC

- Project Management
- Hazard classification & packaging
- Radiological analysis
- Lab testing
- Item engineer

#### Joint Munitions Command

- Workload coordination
- Radiological support
- Historical download knowledge



## McAlester Army Ammunition Plant

- Site operations, engg, env, safety
- Ammunition Peculiar Equipment (APE)

#### Tooele Army Depot

 APE, test download & cryofracture, kiln support



#### **General Atomics**

Cryofracture design, installation, test operations



#### **IPS Custom Automation**

Download line design, installation, start-up



#### **Coterie Environmental**

Environmental permitting



#### **Safety Management Services**

Hazard analysis



## US Army Public Health Command

Radiological monitoring, health risk assessment



#### **Corps of Engineers, Huntsville**

Safety analysis



#### DoD Explosive Safety Board

Approved means review



#### **Defense Ammunition Center**

Approved means liaison



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