

CAMP SMITH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
ANNEX 2D – NBC TRAINING FACILITIES (GAS CHAMBER) SOP
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REFERENCES:

AR 200-1 (Environmental Protection and Enhancement)
AR 385-63 (Range Safety)
DA PAM 385-63 (Range Safety)

OBJECTIVE:

The NBC Training Facility (building 125) provides a training location in which units may conduct individual and unit skills training needed to survive and defeat an enemy in a Nuclear, Chemical or Biological environment. The Camp Smith NBC Training facility supports training of squad to company size units.

REQUIREMENTS:

a. A unit must have the following on site in order to conduct training in the NBC complex:

- (1) Command certified and Camp Smith range safety briefed OIC (E-6) and RSO (E-5)
- (2) OIC and RSO must both be NBC qualified.
- (3) Qualified medic/CLS (with aid bag).
- (4) A dedicated evacuation vehicle with driver.
- (5) A means of continuous communication with range operations.

b. Units are responsible for cleaning/clearing all buildings utilized for training. OIC should do walk thru with Range Control staff prior to start of training exercise to determine acceptable standards during the turn-in process.

SAFETY:

a. General

(1) Safety procedures for units using NBC facilities allow for a safe but realistic training environment. OICs will give a safety orientation with a brief explanation of the purpose of each exercise to all personnel prior to start of any NBC training.

- (2) No pushing, shoving or horseplay will be permitted in NBC facilities.

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(3) Personnel conducting training must wear properly fitted chemical protective clothing and equipment. OICs will conduct inspections to ensure that all protective clothing and protective masks are serviceable.

(4) For medical emergencies, all units/organizations will follow procedures in Annex 5A (Medical emergency SOP) of this publication.

b. Smoke and chemical agents

(1) Use of CS riot-control agents will meet environmental restrictions outlined in AR 200-1 and all appropriate U.S. Army and DMNA regulations/SOPs.

(2) Only CS in capsule form will be used in CS chambers.

(3) Under no circumstances will CS agent be utilized outside of the NBC facility building.

(4) CS agent can be utilized only with a waiver from the Post Director.

(5) Smoke in grenade form can be utilized only in areas designated by Range Control and under the following criteria:

(a) Employed no closer than 500 meters to installation boundaries.

(b) Employed no closer than 500 meters to public highways and hiking trails.

(c) Employed no closer than 500 meters to live fire ranges unless part of an approved course of fire.

(d) Employed no closer than 500 meters to any Camp Smith building or road.

(6) Hexachloroethane (HC), FS (sulfur trioxide-chlorosulfonic acid solution) and FM (titanium tetrachloride) smoke will not be used.

(7) Smoke pots will not be used.

(8) Range Control may limit the use of smoke and chemical agents at any time

c. Sanitation

(1) No urinating, defecating or spitting will be allowed in any NBC facilities. No latrines are available in the vicinity of either NBC facility. Units must plan accordingly, to include arranging for the placement of portable latrines if necessary.

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(2) Using units are responsible in removing and discarding all trash and expended training debris from NBC facilities. Range Control staff will inspect facilities for compliance at conclusion of training period.

SCHEDULING:

a. Units/organizations will submit request for use of NBC facilities in the same manner as requesting ranges or any other facilities to Camp Smith RFMSS Operator. Range Control has the authority to approve and schedule use of any NBC facilities for all military and non-military organizations.

b. The primary users of the NBC facility will be military organizations. New York Army National Guard units will have first priority and all other military units will be scheduled on a first come first serve basis.

c. The NBC facilities may also be utilized by non-military organizations to conduct law enforcement, civil disturbance, emergency response, and other related training provided that it does not interfere with military training in and/or around that location.

d. Non-military organizations may utilize the NBC facility only if their current non-military use agreement states the NBC facility as part their lease agreement with New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs (DMNA).

e. At minimum, units/organizations will provide the following documentations to Camp Smith Range Operations prior to start of all NBC training exercises:

- (1) Training scenario and/or course of training exercise/Operations Order
- (2) Composite Risk Management Worksheet
- (3) O-5 (or equivalent) Command Certification Memorandum for OIC and RSO.
- (4) Valid documentation of OIC and RSO NBC qualification.

f. Once scheduling is approved and confirmed, units will coordinate with Camp Smith's Safety Manager for briefing (see Chapter 3 of this publication).

g. Units need to plan on clearing the NBC facilities during daylight on the last day they are scheduled for the site. Coordinate with Range Control staff for clearance requirements and time.