

# MISSISSIPPI ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT

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### LOCATION

Mississippi Army Ammunition Plant is located in south Mississippi, in Hancock County. It resides within the confines of NASA's 14,000 acre John C. Stennis Space Center. Surrounding the complex is an almost 125,000 acre acoustical buffer zone. The Center is located on I-10 approximately 48 miles west of Biloxi, MS and 45 miles east of New Orleans, LA.

### SIZE

Acres: 4,214.00

Square Footage of Buildings: 1,672,842 SF

Plant Replacement Value: \$352,254,900

### HISTORY

Established in August 1976, MSAAP is the only ammunition plant constructed since World War II. It handled the complete on-site production and assembly of the M483A1 ICM 155mm Howitzer projectile and grenade bodies. The highest historical employment was 1,831 in 1989. The Army held the open house for MSAAP on 26 March 1983 and dedication ceremonies were 31 March 1983. Live load, assemble and pack (LAP) operations began in May 1984 and the first completed MSAAP M483A1 projectiles passed their First Article Testing shortly thereafter. The total production at MSAAP in its history is listed below. The plant ceased active production in 1990 and layaway of excess capacity was in 1991. The plant retained 46 munitions igloos and magazines.

Total projectiles w/bases:	636,899
Projectiles w/o bases:	199,120
Special bases:	299,789
Total grenades:	55,518,922
Total rounds LAP'd:	607,445

### MISSIONS

MSAAP is in semi-active status. The Army retains the cargo grenade metal parts manufacturing line in a state of readiness for emergency production needs.

MSAAP, in December 1992, was the first facility to sign a Facility Use Contract to fully participate in the Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support

(ARMS) Program initiative aimed at leasing unused MSAAP facilities to tenants to generate revenue to offset Army plant retention costs. Mason Technologies Inc. (MTI), a division of Day Zimmerman, Inc., is the facility use contractor. The Army facilities maintenance cost first reached "zero" in 2001 and again in 2002 and 2004.

### **MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS**

Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO)  
Navy Human Resources Service Center (HRSC) Southeast  
Navy Special Boat Team 22  
Navy Small Craft Inst. & Tech. Train School (NAVSCIATTS)  
Department of Energy  
Power Dynamics Inc.  
The Boeing Company

### **POPULATION**

	<b>Authorized</b>
Military	0
Civilian	4
Contractor	55
Other	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	59