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Chemical Weapons Destroyed in Russian Bryansk Region

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The largest of Russia's stockpiles of chemical weapons has been destroyed at a site in the western Bryansk region, TASS news agency reported Thursday.

The disposal site in the town of Pochep planned to host a festive ceremony later in the day to celebrate the completion of five years of work destroying chemical munitions, a spokesperson for Russia's Federal Agency for the Safe Storage and Destruction of Chemical Weapons was quoted as saying.

In all, more than 67 tons of chemical air-delivered munitions have been destroyed in Pochep since work began in 2010, the spokesperson said, TASS reported. This included nearly 7.5 tons of nerve agents Sarin, Soman and VX-type chemical agents, the report said.

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About 92 percent of Russia's chemical weapons arsenal had been destroyed by the start of October, according to the agency, TASS reported.

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