

Mustard gas on mine site

POTENTIALLY deadly mustard gas, left over from a World War II cache, has been uncovered on a Darling Downs mine site in southwest Queensland.

The toxic chemical was used by both sides in World War I but only in isolated cases thereafter.

The Department of Defence said 144 unexploded shells, with some confirmed to contain the chemical liquid known as Mustard H, was found on the property, which was once the site of a US ammunition depot.

A defence spokeswoman said the cache was uncovered by a company developing a mine.