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Science and Technology Center in Ukraine (STCU) Facilitates U.S. effort to Counter ISIL Chemical Attacks.

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In late October, the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) ignited stockpiles of sulfur to hinder Iraqi and coalition advances near Mosul. According to press and diplomatic reporting, the fires and associated smoke killed at least two, hospitalized 80, and negatively affected coalition forces. The U.S. Department of State's Global Threat Reduction program partnered with the STCU to rapidly procure and freight 374,000 liters of foam capable of extinguishing the fires.

From first contact by the U.S. Department of State on October 24th, the STCU procured and arranged the first delivery of 52,000 liters to Baghdad on October 31st. Subsequent deliveries of the bulk of the remainder of the foam arrived in Baghdad by November 5th. The STCU's speed and flexibility in working with vendors in such diverse places as Sæbøvågen, Norway and Green Bay, Wisconsin, U.S.A., as well as coordinating with U.S. colleagues in Washington, D.C. and Baghdad to respond to this timely and international crisis, demonstrated the continued value of the STCU to its Parties and its ability to advance its CBRN security objectives worldwide.

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