

**Table 17.2 Summary of Iraq’s Chemical Program**

<b>Prewar Concerns</b>	<b>Pre-2002 Intelligence Assessments</b>	<b>October 2002 NIE Assessment</b>	<b>UN Findings 2002-2003</b>	<b>Administration Statements</b>	<b>Evidence Since March 2003</b>
<b>Iraq had large stockpiles of chemical weapons.</b>	<b>Maybe.</b> Pre-2002 reports did not discuss the existence of chemical weapon stockpiles, but “Iraq may have hidden an additional 6,000 CW munitions.”	<b>Yes.</b> “High confidence” that Iraq had chemical weapons, probably between 100 and 500 metric tons.	<b>Not Sure.</b> UNMOVIC uncovered several chemical warheads, but no significant stockpile. Iraq failed to prove it destroyed significant quantities of munitions and precursors.	<b>Yes.</b> Certain that Iraq had vast chemical weapon stockpiles including mustard gas, sarin nerve gas, and VX, and was hiding them from inspectors.	<b>No.</b> No chemical weapons found. Kay: “Iraq did not have a large, ongoing, centrally controlled CW program after 1991.”
<b>Iraq had covert chemical weapon production facilities.</b>	<b>Not sure.</b> Iraq “rebuilt key portions of its chemical production infrastructure for industrial and commercial use.”	<b>Yes.</b> Iraq “has begun renewed production” of chemical agents, including mustard, sarin, cyclosarin and VX.	<b>Probably Not.</b> Inspections did not find any active production facilities or evidence of hidden production capability.	<b>Yes.</b> Powell: “We know that Iraq has embedded key portions of its illicit chemical weapons infrastructure within its legitimate civilian industry.”	<b>No.</b> No open or covert chemical munitions or production facilities found. Some low-level research activity possible. Senate: Intelligence did not support claims.

**ABBREVIATIONS:**

NIE = National Intelligence Estimate; CW = chemical weapons; UNMOVIC = U.N. Monitoring, Verification, and Inspection Commission; CIA = Central Intelligence Agency; DIA = Defense Intelligence Agency.

**NOTE:**

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