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Don E. Barclay is the Deputy Program Executive Officer for the Program Executive Office, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (PEO ACWA), which is headquartered at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

Mr. Barclay joined PEO ACWA in January 2015 and is currently responsible for overseeing all aspects of operations at the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant in Colorado, the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant in Kentucky and PEO ACWA's Anniston Field Office.

Prior to this assignment, Mr. Barclay served as the Director of the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity (CMA) where he was responsible for the storage and disposal of the chemical agent stockpile stored at seven CMA sites across the United States. He received the Department of the Army Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service in May 2015 for sustaining the highest standards of safety and compliance during this period of closing destruction facilities, chemical storage depots and activities. Mr. Barclay has also served as Site Project Manager for the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility in Hermiston, Oregon, starting in April 2001. As the Site Project Manager, he was the executing agent for the Umatilla project overseeing a workforce of 850 people focused on the safe disposal of 3,717 tons of nerve and blister agent stored at the Umatilla Chemical Depot since the 1960s.

Mr. Barclay has worked for the Army as a safety professional and manager since 1981. Previous service includes 10 years at the Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant, where he managed explosives production operations. Since 1993, he has provided dedicated leadership for the Army in the area of chemical agent operations. His first assignment for the Army's chemical demilitarization program was as the risk manager for the Chemical Agent Munitions Disposal System (CAMDS) near Tooele, Utah. While at CAMDS, he successfully completed VX and GB neutralization testing, energetics neutralization testing, and agent hydrolysate bioremediation testing. Agent destruction operations using incineration treatment units were also conducted during his tenure. In 1997, Mr. Barclay was assigned as the CAMDS Director. During his four years as CAMDS Director, he managed a 280-person civilian and contractor workforce involved in the research, development and implementation of toxic chemical agent disposal processes.

Born and raised in Athens, Tennessee, Mr. Barclay received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Tennessee Wesleyan College. After college, the U.S. Army recruited him for its Safety Engineering Program conducted by the School of Engineering and Logistics in Texarkana, Texas.



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