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# Media Day to Mark Construction Completion for Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility

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RICHMOND, Ky. – Members of the media are invited to the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP) **Oct. 27, 2015**, to mark construction completion of the main plant that will destroy chemical weapons at the Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD) near Richmond, Kentucky. News reporters, photographers and videographers are invited to tour the buildings, gather photographs and b-roll and interview project leaders. Attendees will also learn about next steps for the project.

**WHO:** Jeff Brubaker, Site Project Manager, BGCAPP

Doug Omichinski, Project Manager, Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass (BPBG)

**WHAT:** BGCAPP Construction Complete Media Day**WHEN:** Oct. 27, 2015, 9:45 a.m. – 5 p.m. (an opportunity for live shots for television news outlets will be available from 5 – 6 p.m.)**WHERE:** Media day will begin and end at the BGCAPP office in the Richmond Mall, 830 Eastern Bypass, Ste. 106, Richmond, KY 40475. Transportation to and from the plant will be provided.**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Media must RSVP no later than Oct. 12, 2015.**

Additional information about the tour is included with this media advisory. Due to enhanced security requirements at BGAD, attendees must undergo a background check prior to media day. The background check form is provided with this advisory.

Media wishing to attend should also provide their full name and shoe size, in order to reserve steel-toed boots, to [bgoutreach@iem.com](mailto:bgoutreach@iem.com) or (859) 626-8944 **by Oct. 12**. Media members who have their own steel-toed boots may indicate that along with their RSVP. A boxed lunch will also be provided during the event.

**BACKGROUND:** BGCAPP is being built to safely and efficiently destroy a stockpile of 523 tons of chemical weapons currently in storage at BGAD. In July 2015, the project reached substantial construction complete status on the main plant. Several construction punch-list items will be finished over the next few weeks, but BGCAPP has transitioned into the systemization phase. This phase consists of testing of the physical plant, developing standard operating procedures and hiring and training of operations staff. Following systemization, the plant will ramp up to operations. Destruction of nerve agent is scheduled to begin in 2020 and end in 2023.

The Static Detonation Chamber, an explosive destruction technology, will augment the main plant to destroy approximately 15,000 mustard projectiles in the Blue Grass stockpile. Construction of this facility is ongoing and operations are scheduled to begin in 2017.

For further information about BGCAPP, visit [www.peoacwa.army.mil/bgcapp/](http://www.peoacwa.army.mil/bgcapp/). For questions, contact Mark York, BPBG communications manager, at (859) 625-1291.

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