



Pueblo Chemical Agent-
Destruction Pilot Plant

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Bruce Huenefeld is the site project manager (SPM) for the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant in Colorado. Selected for this role in May 2011, Huenefeld is the lead government engineer responsible for management of the pilot plant's field office and oversight of the Bechtel Pueblo Team, the systems contractor for the design, construction, systemization, pilot testing, operation and closing of the plant. As SPM, Huenefeld reports directly to the Program Executive Office, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives headquartered at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

Prior to his current position, Huenefeld worked for more than 26 years at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, or RMA, near Commerce City, Colo. There, his duties as supervisory engineer involved acquisition planning for the long-term operation and maintenance of RMA remediation facilities, oversight of hazardous waste treatment projects and contract management associated with environmental cleanup activities. Notable among these assignments were the Miscellaneous Structures Demolition Project, during which 10 M139 sarin-filled bomblets were discovered and later safely destroyed in an U.S. Army's explosive destruction system, which is the same system to be used to destroy problematic munitions stored at the U.S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depot. He also directed the technical and non-technical staff responsible for the design, construction, trial burn and operation of the Basin F Liquid Incinerator Project, which resulted in the successful destruction of almost 11 million gallons of stored contaminated liquid waste.

While much of his career has been dedicated to improvements at the Arsenal, Huenefeld began his federal service at the U.S. Army Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. At Aberdeen, he worked on several projects in conjunction with the Chemical Agent Munitions Destruction System under the purview of the U.S. Toxic and Hazardous Materials Agency. The projects included those associated with destruction of the M55 Rocket, development of incineration systems (including those to destroy nerve agents), and assessments for redesign, installation and operation of portions of pollution abatement systems.

Born in Bartlesville, Okla., Huenefeld spent his junior high through high school and junior college years in Riverton, Wyo., where he earned an associate's degree in chemistry from Central Wyoming College. He later attended the University of Wyoming, in Laramie, receiving a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering in 1979. Most recently, he completed his Level III certification in the program management discipline and became a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps in 2013. He is now pursuing an additional Level III certification through the Acquisition Corps in the engineering discipline.



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