



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
US ARMY CHEMICAL MATERIALS AGENCY  
PUEBLO CHEMICAL DEPOT, BUILDING 1  
45825 HIGHWAY 96 EAST  
PUEBLO, COLORADO 81006-9330

April 9, 2012

Office of the Commander

Dear Stakeholder,

The Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant is currently under construction at Pueblo Chemical Depot to safely destroy the stockpile of chemical munitions in storage here. Although this highly-automated, state-of-the-art facility will be able to destroy most of the 2,611 tons of mustard agent contained in the stockpile, we know there are a limited number of munitions we will not be able to process through the plant. These problematic munitions include munitions that have leaked in the past and are overpacked as well as rejects whose condition does not allow for automated processing. To resolve this issue, we are considering the use of an explosive destruction technology (EDT) to augment the plant's neutralization/biotreatment operations. Enclosed is a fact sheet explaining this matter in greater detail.

An important part of the government's consideration is an assessment of potential environmental impacts that might result from the use of an EDT. Accordingly, the Army has conducted an Environmental Assessment of various EDTs used previously in the United States or currently in use overseas. The Assessment concludes that using an EDT to destroy problematic munitions as well as the explosive components (propelling charges, bursters and fuzes) of all the chemical munitions in the Pueblo stockpile will have no significant environmental impact. You may access copies of the Environmental Assessment and the draft "Finding of No Significant Environmental Impact" at the information repositories listed in the enclosed fact sheet or directly from the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives website at [www.pmacwa.army.mil](http://www.pmacwa.army.mil).

Your thoughts and opinions on this matter are important to us. Please take some time to read over the enclosed information and the Environmental Assessment itself. We then ask that you share with us any questions or comments you might have during the public comment period from April 9, 2012, through May 8, 2012. You may do so by writing, calling, or emailing the contacts listed on the back of the enclosed fact sheet. We would also encourage you to attend a public meeting on the Environmental Assessment process to be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 6 p.m. in the Olde Towne Carriage House, 102 S. Victoria Ave., Pueblo, Colorado.

We want to thank you for your interest in the Pueblo Chemical Depot and the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant. The successful accomplishment of our mission would not be possible without your continued support.

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Enclosure