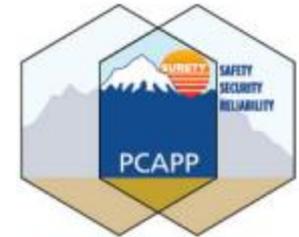


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Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant



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PCAPP

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A PARTNERSHIP FOR SAFE CHEMICAL WEAPONS DESTRUCTION

Project Background



The Program Executive Officer, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (ACWA), headquartered at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, is responsible for managing all aspects of the safe and environmentally sound destruction of the chemical weapons stockpiles in Colorado and Kentucky.



Pueblo Chemical Agent-
Destruction Pilot Plant

The Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (PCAPP) will safely destroy 2,611 tons of mustard agent in mortar rounds and artillery projectiles stored at the U.S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depot (PCD).

- Neutralization followed by biotreatment is the technology selected by the Department of Defense to destroy the Pueblo chemical weapons stockpile.



The Bechtel Pueblo Team (BPT) is a partnership of Bechtel National, Inc., AECOM, Parsons, and Battelle Memorial Institute. The BPT functions as the systems contractor selected to design, build, systemize, pilot test, operate, and close the PCAPP.



Staffing



Bechtel Pueblo Team:
1,176

- Pueblo County local hires: 334
- Colorado hires (outside Pueblo County): 106
- From other locations: 736

Employment Opportunities



Hotline

(719)549-4003

Website

<http://pueblo.bechtel.com>

- Lost-workday case rate and total recordable injury rate (TRIR) is **0.07**
- The current TRIR for the YTD is well below the general industry average of **3.5** and the Waste Management Industry rate of **4.7**

*A Lost Time Recordable Injury occurred on Jan. 22, 2015 (**21 months** without a lost time injury or illness and **5.9 million hours** worked).



Step 1



Removal of Energetics

Robotic equipment removes energetics (explosives) from the weapon. The energetics will be disposed of at a permitted facility offsite.

Step 2



Removal of Mustard Agent

The inside of the weapon is remotely accessed and mustard agent is washed out with high-pressure water.

Step 3



Neutralization of Mustard Agent

The mustard agent is neutralized with caustic solution and hot water. The byproduct is called hydrolysate.

Step 4



Biotreatment

Microbes treat the hydrolysate, breaking it down into brine. The brine is separated with water being recycled back to the plant and salt cakes shipped for disposal at a permitted facility.

Step 5



Thermal Treatment and Disposal of Metal Parts

Metal Parts are heated to 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit for 15 minutes and can then be recycled.

Neutralization followed by biotreatment will be used to destroy the Colorado chemical weapons stockpile.

Explosive Destruction System



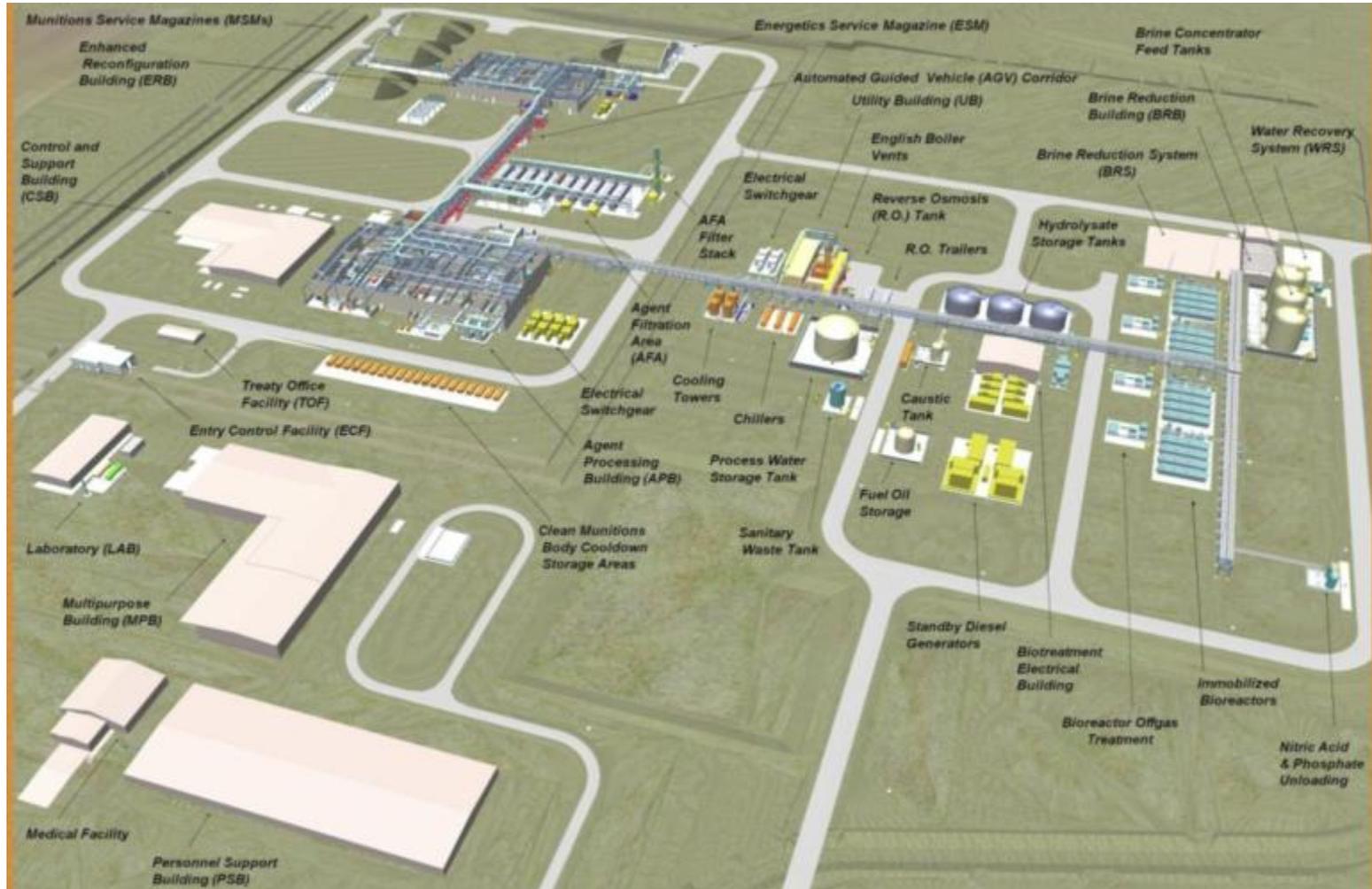
- EDS uses explosive “cutting” charges to access the chemical agent inside a munition; neutralization chemicals are then added to destroy the chemical agent



- The Army’s Explosive Destruction System (EDS) is augmenting the Pueblo pilot plant’s automated destruction technology
- EDS is being used to destroy problematic munitions that are unsuited for automated processing

March 18, 2015 – The first mustard agent from the Pueblo stockpile to be destroyed is loaded into the EDS.

Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant—Site Plan



PCAPP Site Overview



Northwestern Corner - Observation Point

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|----------|--|----------|--|
| 1 | Enhanced Reconfiguration Building | 5 | Agent Filtration Area |
| 2 | Automated Guided Vehicle Corridor | 6 | Munitions Service Magazine |
| 3 | Agent Processing Building | 7 | Control and Support Building |
| 4 | Biotreatment Area | 8 | Munitions Service Magazine Corridor |

Turnover to Operations

As the project transitions from systemization to operations, the following systems have been turned over:

Systems

Toxic Storage and Spent Decon	Munitions Unpacking and Projectile Disassembly
Bulk Chemical Storage and Distribution	Lighting System
Security Essential Power Supply	Steam and Condensate System
Laboratory Ventilation System	Breathing Air System
Site Water System	Communications System
Chilled Water System	Residue Handling
Reverse Osmosis System	Munitions Washout System*
Process Water System	
Instrument Air and Plant Air	
Natural Gas	
Fuel Oil System	
Sanitary Waste	
Enhanced Reconfiguration Building/Agent Processing Building Material Handling Systems	



*Newly added

To learn more about Systemization, watch the video at
http://www.peoacwa.army.mil/info/video/systemization_yt.html

Turnover to Operations

As the project transitions from systemization to operations, the following facilities have been turned over:

Facilities

Biotreatment Electrical Building
Brine Reduction System Facility
Analytical Laboratory
Medical Facility
Multipurpose Building
Personnel Support Facility
Utility Building
Control and Support Building



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CNN Tours PCAPP/PCAPP EDS



CNN Reporter/Videographer Evelio Contreras (right) visited the PCAPP and PCAPP Explosive Destruction System sites on March 2. Here, Operations Manager Kim Jackson is interviewed in the PCAPP Control Room.

System Turnover to Operations



Control Room Operator Tyler Wood (left), accepts the “key” to the Munitions Washout System from Senior Startup Specialist Stan Zurek, Plant Shift Manager Don Morris and Control Room Operator Terry Green.

Practicing Baseline Reconfiguration



PCAPP Ordnance Technicians practice receiving munitions and placing them on a munitions monitoring table inside one of two Vapor Containment Rooms. The process, called Baseline Reconfiguration, is for boxed munitions that require removal prior to processing.

Junior Achievement Day



PCAPP employees Barry Gonzalez (left) and Heidi Packard (right) volunteered their time to teach students at Bessemer Academy's "Junior Achievement In a Day" event on Friday, Feb. 20. Gonzalez taught fifth graders the curriculum "JA Our Nation" while Heidi taught sixth graders "JA Economics for Success."

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