



SPECIAL PUEBLO START-UP EDITION

Pueblo Plant Began Operations Sept. 7

The first mustard agent-filled 155mm projectiles were successfully processed through the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant Sept. 7. This significant milestone in the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives program brings us one step closer to honoring our commitment to destroy the nation’s remaining chemical weapons stockpiles. This true team effort marks the final countdown to the complete elimination of the stockpile stored at the U.S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depot.

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Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant ordnance technicians and project leadership pose for a picture just before the first munition was processed through the plant. The pilot testing phase of operations began on Sept. 7.



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Pueblo Plant Ready for Biotreatment

Now that chemical weapons destruction operations have begun in Colorado, the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant is ramping up slowly to eventually create the wastewater hydrolysate that will be fed into the biotreatment area, a process that will take approximately 10 weeks. The Pueblo stockpile will be destroyed using neutralization coupled with biotreatment and brine reduction systems for water recovery – systems that have never been used together for chemical weapons destruction. While the program is fully committed to making the biotreatment process work, contingency planning is underway to prevent any potential shortfalls.



A Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant worker installs stands for instrument tubing on the crystallizer valves on the Brine Reduction System. The tubing opens and closes to process air and water valves. The instrument reads the flow in the pipe and gives a reading.



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