

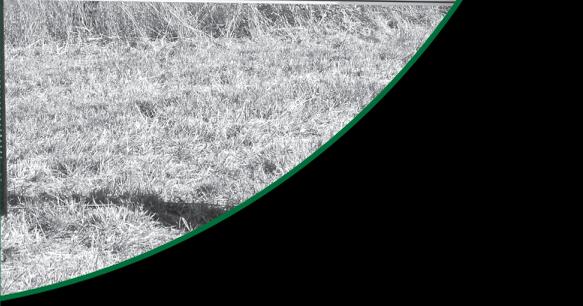
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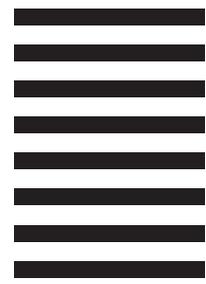


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BGCAPP Project Update March 2007



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Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP) PROJECT UPDATE

Your involvement in the chemical weapons destruction program is important to us, and we're committed to keeping you informed every step of the way. Together with valued community members like you, we're meeting regularly to talk about progress, share ideas, seek opinions and work toward solutions that will lead us to our ultimate goal: the safest and earliest possible destruction of the Blue Grass Army Depot chemical weapons stockpile. Join us for the quarterly meeting of the Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board and the Kentucky Chemical Destruction Citizens' Advisory Commission on March 13 beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the Carl D. Perkins Building, Rooms A & B, Eastern Kentucky University on Kit Carson Drive in Richmond.

Unable to make the meetings but still have an interest in what's going on? Here are a few project highlights:

- Project Awards \$20.4 Million to Local Businesses**
 Recent subcontract awards for construction mean we are not only beginning to build the plant, but are also helping to build up the local economy. Small businesses are benefiting as well. For example, Intersteel, T.E.M. Electric and Bluegrass Contracting, all local companies certified by the U.S. Small Business Administration as "Historically Underutilized Business Zone" small businesses, were recently awarded subcontracts totaling more than \$4.5 million. The SBA's HUBZone program stimulates economic development and creates jobs in urban and rural communities by providing federal contracting preferences to small businesses.
- Citizens, Project Managers Discuss Studies at Special Meeting**
 The Kentucky Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission and the Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board regularly meet on a quarterly basis, but a special meeting was called on Feb. 1, when government program managers released information on two studies focused on the topic of shipping the byproduct of the neutralization process - hydrolysate - to a permitted off-site

commercial facility. Both reports essentially concluded that without full community support for the proposal, both in Kentucky and at a potential receiving location, cost savings could be unobtainable. However, with the potential to save taxpayers more than \$100 million, additional discussions on this topic are expected at the upcoming March 13 meeting.

- Funding Outlook Continues to Shape Project Progress**
 While the funding forecast is optimistic, we expect that funding constraints will lengthen the overall project schedule. Similar to a home mortgage where the payments are spread over a number of years, this makes the costs to build and operate the pilot plant more affordable annually. We're looking at additional ways to reduce construction and operational costs, while continuing to fully protect our workers, the public and the environment. Look for more information in the upcoming months on revised cost and schedule estimates.

We invite you to learn more about the chemical weapons destruction project at the Blue Grass Army Depot. Come to the meetings scheduled below, or stop by our booth at a community event.

UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS

- March 13** Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board/Citizens' Advisory Commission Meeting - Perkins Building, Eastern Kentucky University
- April 18** Berea College Career Awareness Day
- June 11** Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board/Citizens' Advisory Commission Meeting - Perkins Building, Eastern Kentucky University

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To keep you better informed and seek your opinion, the Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office will be sending you project updates every so often. If you have questions or comments, jot them down and send the reply card back, or call the outreach office at (859) 626-8944.

UPCOMING EVENT

Kentucky Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board and Citizens' Advisory Commission Meeting

March 13, 2007
 Eastern Kentucky University's
 Carl D. Perkins Building
 Rooms A and B
 1:30 - 4 p.m.

We Look Forward to Your Feedback.

Your comments: _____

- I am comfortable with the information you are providing. Please keep it coming.
- I have additional questions or would like to talk about scheduling a presentation. Please contact me.
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