



Program Manager Assembled  
Chemical Weapons Alternatives

# ACWA QUARTERLY BRIEF

A Partnership for Safe Chemical Weapons Destruction

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## HOT TOPICS

**Pueblo Design Complete:** On May 10, 2007, the Department of Defense accepted the final design for the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (PCAPP). The final design is a culmination of extensive coordination between the PCAPP team; Bechtel Pueblo, the systems contractor; ACWA; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville Engineering and Support Center; and the local community. With the design phase complete, the PCAPP team will now be fully focused on construction of the pilot plant.

**Leadership Update:** Mr. Kevin Flamm assumed duties as Acting Program Manager of the ACWA program on April 3, 2007. Selection of a permanent Program Manager by the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics) is expected to occur by August 1, 2007.

**Acquisition Program Baseline (APB) Approved:** A new APB, approved on April 3, 2007, establishes the projected life-cycle cost of the ACWA program at approximately \$8 billion, and provides defined annual funding levels for the program. Schedule milestones are outlined in the chart below.



**ACWA Responds to Hydrolysate Recommendations:** ACWA provided formal responses to the Colorado and Kentucky Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commissions' recommendations against the off-site treatment of hydrolysate. The responses confirmed current plans to move forward with on-site treatment, but noted that ACWA will continue to identify cost-saving opportunities and destroy the stockpile in the fastest and safest manner possible.

## PILOT PLANT UPDATES

### Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant

- **Construction Status:** Access road is complete. Additional roads, earthwork and fencing are near completion. Roadway electrical work has begun.
- **Acquisitions:** Construction awards since June 2003 total \$22 million, 94% of which have gone to firms in Madison County and seven surrounding counties.
- **Safety:** 1.99 million job hours without a lost-time injury.
- **Systems Contractor Staffing:** The new Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass project manager is Mr. Mark Seely. Seely previously served as project manager for the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility in Maryland.

### Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant

- **Construction Status:** Stage 1 construction is nearly complete. Stage 2 construction, which is under way, includes foundation work, gas pipeline installation and the construction of several support buildings.
- **Acquisitions:** Total awards since January 2003 are \$63 million, 70% of which went to Pueblo County firms.
- **Safety:** 2.51 million job hours without a lost-time injury.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Program Manager Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives, known as ACWA, is responsible for the safe destruction of chemical weapons stockpiles at the U.S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depot in Colorado and the Blue Grass Army Depot in Kentucky.

Monthly status updates on chemical weapons destruction in Colorado and Kentucky can be found at [www.pmacwa.army.mil](http://www.pmacwa.army.mil).

For additional information, please contact the PMACWA Communications and Congressional Affairs office at (410) 436-3398.

## NEXT 120 DAYS AT ACWA

In May 2007, the Department of the Army established PMACWA as a provisional organization. This designation dissolved the leadership and administrative ties ACWA previously shared with the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency. ACWA will now report solely to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics) as a separate reporting activity of the U.S. Army Materiel Command. ACWA is preparing the documentation to support a permanent stand up of the organization by October 1, 2007.