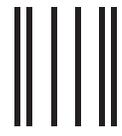
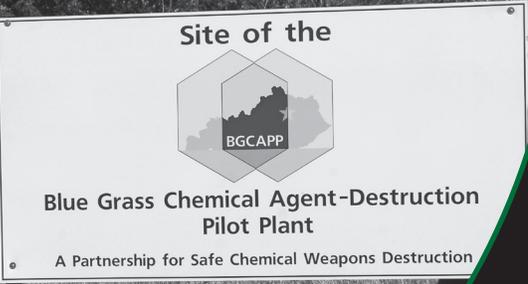
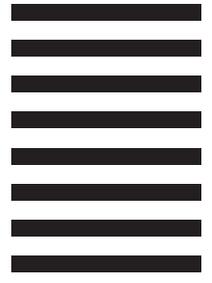


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# Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP) A PARTNERSHIP FOR SAFE CHEMICAL WEAPONS DESTRUCTION

The Department of Defense and its contractors are building the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP) to destroy the chemical weapons stockpile stored at the Blue Grass Army Depot. Your involvement with the project is important to us. We appreciate your ongoing support and we're committed to keeping you informed every step of the way.

## What a Difference a Year Makes

In 2007, the BGCAPP construction site was a flat piece of ground with trenches being dug for underground utilities and stakes indicating where future buildings would be erected. Today, with every new steel beam that is installed or every foundation placed on the construction site, the pilot plant is beginning to take shape. Our construction accomplishments were coupled this year with progress on the pilot plant design, as well as growth for the BGCAPP team. Read on to find out more about these milestones or visit [www.pmacwa.army.mil](http://www.pmacwa.army.mil) for additional project information. You can also join us for the next quarterly meeting of the Kentucky Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission and the Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board on **Dec. 9 beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the Carl D. Perkins Building, Rooms A & B, Eastern Kentucky University** on Kit Carson Drive in Richmond.

**Design.** As of November 2008, more than 87 percent of the pilot plant design is complete including the major processing buildings as well as underground utilities, the access control building, the maintenance building and the personnel support building. While portions of the munitions demilitarization building are being redesigned in order to meet acceptance by the Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board as well as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, work continues on the designs of the following structures: aboveground site utility systems, the hydrolysate storage area, entry control facility, integrated control systems and the container handling building.

**Construction.** The vertical construction activities completed this year have changed the landscape of the BGCAPP construction site. Today the craft change house stands tall, as well as the personnel support and maintenance buildings. The 138kV electrical substation has been installed and high-voltage transmission lines are being strung to the site. The site team is working toward future vertical construction activities as they complete foundation placement for the control support building and begin placing concrete for the munitions demilitarization building.

**Project Safety.** The safety of the workforce, community and environment has always been and will continue to be the BGCAPP team's number one priority. As of November, Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass, the systems contractor chosen to design, build, systemize, test, operate and close BGCAPP, has now worked 3.4 million hours without a lost-time injury, demonstrating the project's commitment to safety.

**Economic Impact.** During the past year, employment opportunities with the project increased and the government and contractor staff in Richmond now totals close to 400 employees. The Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass engineering department, which completed the first stages of design at the Parsons facility in Pasadena, Calif., made the transition to Richmond and now consists of approximately 45 people. With the increased staff, the project now occupies five buildings in addition to the construction site - three office buildings in the Highland Park Drive area in Richmond, and an office building and a warehouse across U.S. Highway 52 from the construction site.

In addition to employment opportunities, the systems contractor, Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass, continues to award subcontracts to local and regional businesses. To date, subcontracts totaling close to \$34 million, more than half of the project total, have gone to Kentucky companies.



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## We Look Forward to Your Feedback.

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- I am content that I have the information I need on the chemical weapons destruction project. Please remove my name from your mailing list.

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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.

## Need an Update on BGCAPP?

Mark your calendars for upcoming Citizens' Advisory Commission and Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board meetings to stay updated on the project's progress. All meetings are open to the public and accessible to people with disabilities. The remaining 2008 and upcoming 2009 meeting dates are as follows:

- Dec. 9, 2008
- June 9, 2009
- Dec. 8, 2009
- March 10, 2009
- Sept. 8, 2009

All meetings are held at 1:30 p.m. in the Carl D. Perkins Building, Rooms A & B, Eastern Kentucky University on Kit Carson Drive in Richmond.