

BLUE GRASS CHEMICAL AGENT-DESTRUCTION PILOT PLANT

The Chemical Weapons Stockpile at Blue Grass

The Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant is being built to safely destroy the chemical weapons stockpile in storage at the Blue Grass Army Depot, located near Richmond, Ky. The stockpile is comprised of more than 500 tons of blister agent in projectiles and nerve agent in projectiles and rockets.

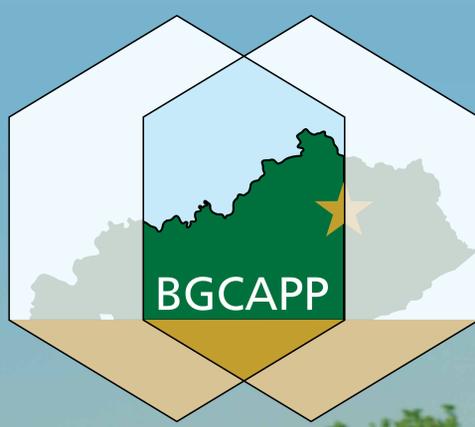
- M55 GB and VX rockets
- 155mm H and VX projectiles
- 8-inch GB projectiles
- Department of Transportation bottles

The Blue Grass Chemical Activity, a tenant organization of the depot, is responsible for the safekeeping of this stockpile, which makes up 1.8 percent of the nation's original chemical weapons stockpile.



Mustard, also known as H, is a blister agent which causes severe chemical burns to the skin. H is contained in projectiles, such as the 155mm shell pictured above.

VX and Sarin (GB) are nerve agents which inhibit enzymes that control the human nervous system if inhaled or absorbed through the skin. They are contained in projectiles, which are shown in storage to the left, and M55 rockets, pictured to the right.



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