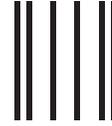
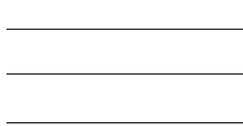
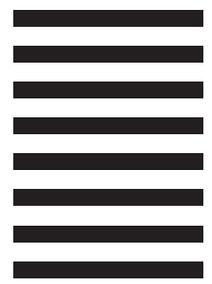


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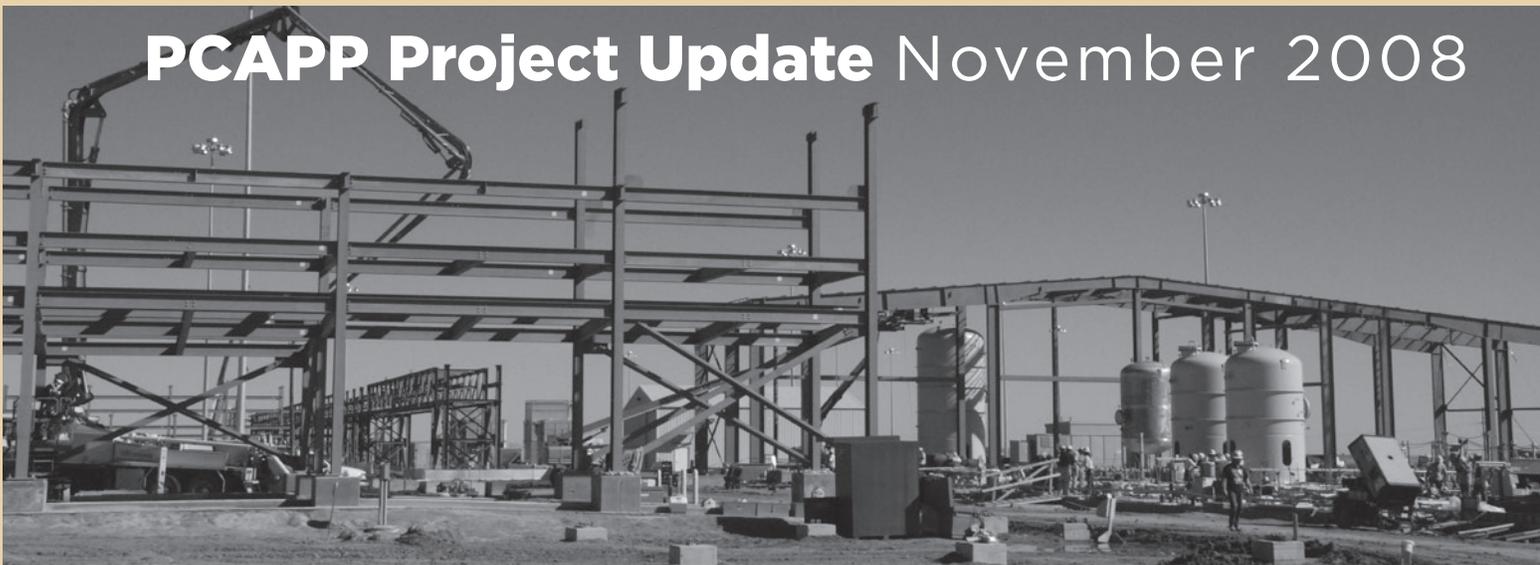
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PUEBLO CHEMICAL AGENT-DESTRUCTION PILOT PLANT



# PCAPP Project Update November 2008

A Partnership for Safe Chemical Weapons Destruction

# Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (PCAPP) STAGE III PERMIT MODIFICATION GRANTED

On Oct. 17, 2008, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the issuing agency for the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant's (PCAPP) environmental permits, granted a Stage III modification to the pilot plant's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit.

The Department of Defense's Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives program, which is responsible for eliminating Pueblo's chemical weapons stockpile, and its contractors are building PCAPP to destroy the chemical weapons stored at the U.S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depot. Under RCRA, various permits are required for each of the three stages of construction.

- ▶ **Stage I:** Site Preparation. Construction of access road, fencing and guard station. (Complete)
- ▶ **Stage II:** Support Facilities. Construction of utilities, all ancillary buildings and site preparation work. (In Progress)
- ▶ **Stage III:** Processing Facilities. Construction of buildings that will house the equipment and systems that will destroy the chemical weapons.

### What does the Stage III Permit Modification authorize?

After the state's required 30-day waiting period, the PCAPP team will be authorized to construct the Stage III areas of the plant, including facilities used to store and treat munitions, chemical agent and secondary wastes. The specific facilities that can be constructed with this approval are:

- Agent Processing Building and associated systems
- Enhanced Reconfiguration Building and associated systems
- Automated Guided Vehicle Corridor
- Munitions Unloading Corridors
- Munitions Service Magazines
- Energetics (explosives and propellants) Service Magazine
- Cascading Ventilation System and Agent Filtration Area
- 30-Day Storage Tank Systems
- Associated Off-gas Treatment Systems
- Laboratory

Certain design details will be forwarded to the state health department and Pueblo County before construction begins on some of these facilities and systems.

### What are the restraints, or conditions, associated with the Stage III Permit Modification?

There are many restraints associated with the permit, which essentially outline activities that the PCAPP team is not authorized to perform. A permit can be viewed as a series of restraints that ensure the plant is built in accordance with the regulations and in a manner protective of human health and the environment. For example, under the Stage III permit, the PCAPP team is not authorized to engage in any hazardous waste activities (i.e., processing agent or munitions) at the pilot plant.

### Will other major permit modifications be needed in the future?

As the pilot plant is constructed and design changes occur, additional permit modifications will be necessary. This is typical for the construction of a heavily regulated, complex facility. Before facilities associated with the processing of hazardous waste are built, major permit modification(s) requiring public involvement will likely be required. These facilities include:

- Biotreatment Area
- Brine Reduction System
- Explosive Destruction Technology

Additionally, in accordance with a compliance schedule contained within the permit, various operating plans, which are not currently available, will be submitted to the state health department and Pueblo County in the future to obtain authorization for operations.

Although the RCRA permit requires public involvement, the ACWA program provides many additional opportunities to keep the community well informed of the progress made at PCAPP by providing presentations and information booths at community events throughout Pueblo County.

For more information regarding the RCRA permit, please contact the following people: Sandy Romero, Bechtel communications manager, at 719-549-5280; Chuck Sprague, U.S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depot, public affairs officer, at 719-549-4135; or Jeannine Natterman, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, public information officer, at 888-569-1831 ext. 3303.

## We Look Forward to Your Feedback.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Citizens' Advisory Commission  
Permitting Working Group Meeting  
Dec. 10, 2008, 2 p.m.  
District Attorney's Office Conference Room  
701 Court Street, Pueblo

Citizens' Advisory Commission Meeting  
Dec. 10, 2008, 6 p.m.  
Olde Towne Carriage House  
102 South Victoria Avenue, Pueblo

### NEED AN UPDATE ON PCAPP?

Please feel free to visit our community outreach office located at 104 West B Street in the Historic Union Depot complex. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. You may also contact the outreach office staff by phone at 719-546-0400 or by e-mail at PuebloOutreach@bah.com.

Your comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 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.
- 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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