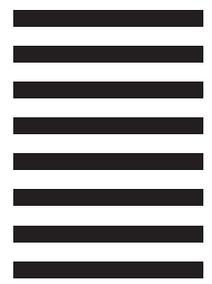


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PUEBLO CHEMICAL AGENT-DESTRUCTION PILOT PLANT



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A Partnership for Safe Chemical Weapons Destruction

Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (PCAPP) PUEBLO PLANT'S ROBOTS TESTED IN HEART OF DIXIE

The thousands of artillery shells and mortar projectiles containing mustard agent stored at the U.S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depot must be safely disassembled before they can be destroyed. The solution? Bring in the robots!

On May 19, 2009, a group of Pueblo elected officials, Citizens' Advisory Commission members, state environmental regulators and project officials visited the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, known as ANCDF, in Anniston, Ala. There they saw firsthand unique equipment that will disassemble the weapons, called the Linear Projectile Mortar Disassembly (LPMD) system.

The LPMD is a sophisticated robotic system that will be used to dismantle Pueblo's stockpile of 105mm and 155mm projectiles and 4.2-inch mortars, munitions which are common to the Anniston stockpile. By employing the LPMD at Anniston while the PCAPP project is still under construction, Pueblo will gain both valuable operating data and trained workers who will move to Pueblo when their work at Anniston is finished.

The Anniston project also benefits from the test. The LPMD will enable Anniston to accelerate the destruction of their mustard weapons ahead of the currently scheduled 2012 completion date. The LPMD system will then be cleaned, decontaminated and shipped to Pueblo for use in training additional PCAPP workers and in safely destroying the Pueblo stockpile.

Stakeholders were able to witness final stage testing of the LPMD as it disassembled inert test munitions by removing the simulated energetic components. The group gained a better understanding of the technology that will be used here in Pueblo and a deeper appreciation for its complexity.

"The trip to Anniston was exceptionally valuable," said Jeff Chostner, chairman of the Board of Pueblo County Commissioners. "We were able to see the robotics and meet with many of the personnel who will be relocating to Pueblo."

Tour participants also commented on the incredible precision of the LMPD robot, which moves munitions from station to station with a reliability of 1:100 of an inch.

The LPMD differs from similar systems in use at other U.S. chemical demilitarization sites in that they employ hydraulics which require frequent maintenance. The LPMD uses an electric drive system that requires less maintenance. Even though ANCDF uses incineration to destroy its stockpile and PCAPP will use neutralization followed by biotreatment, the facility has replicated PCAPP's set up for the LPMD to the maximum extent possible.

"The Anniston excursion was quite successful," said Clay Trumpolt, of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. "Our queries and questions were answered regarding the equipment and its operation. This equipment set appears to be a good fit for its intended purpose."

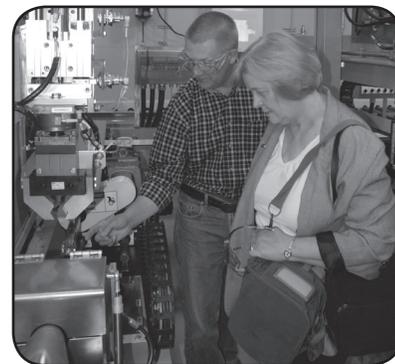


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PCAPP Site Project Manager Gary Anderson explains one of the functions of the Linear Projectile Mortar Disassembly system to Citizens' Advisory Commission Chair Irene Kornely.

A NOTE TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS

During the next several months, you will see changes the PCAPP team is making toward more environmentally responsible ways to provide you with project information. As part of our effort to "Go Green," this will be the last PCAPP Project Update that you will receive in the mail. Our summer Exchange newsletter will provide more information on these improvements and we welcome your feedback. We encourage you to visit, call or e-mail the Pueblo Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office with any questions or comments you may have.

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