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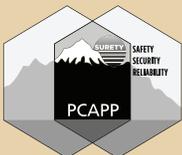
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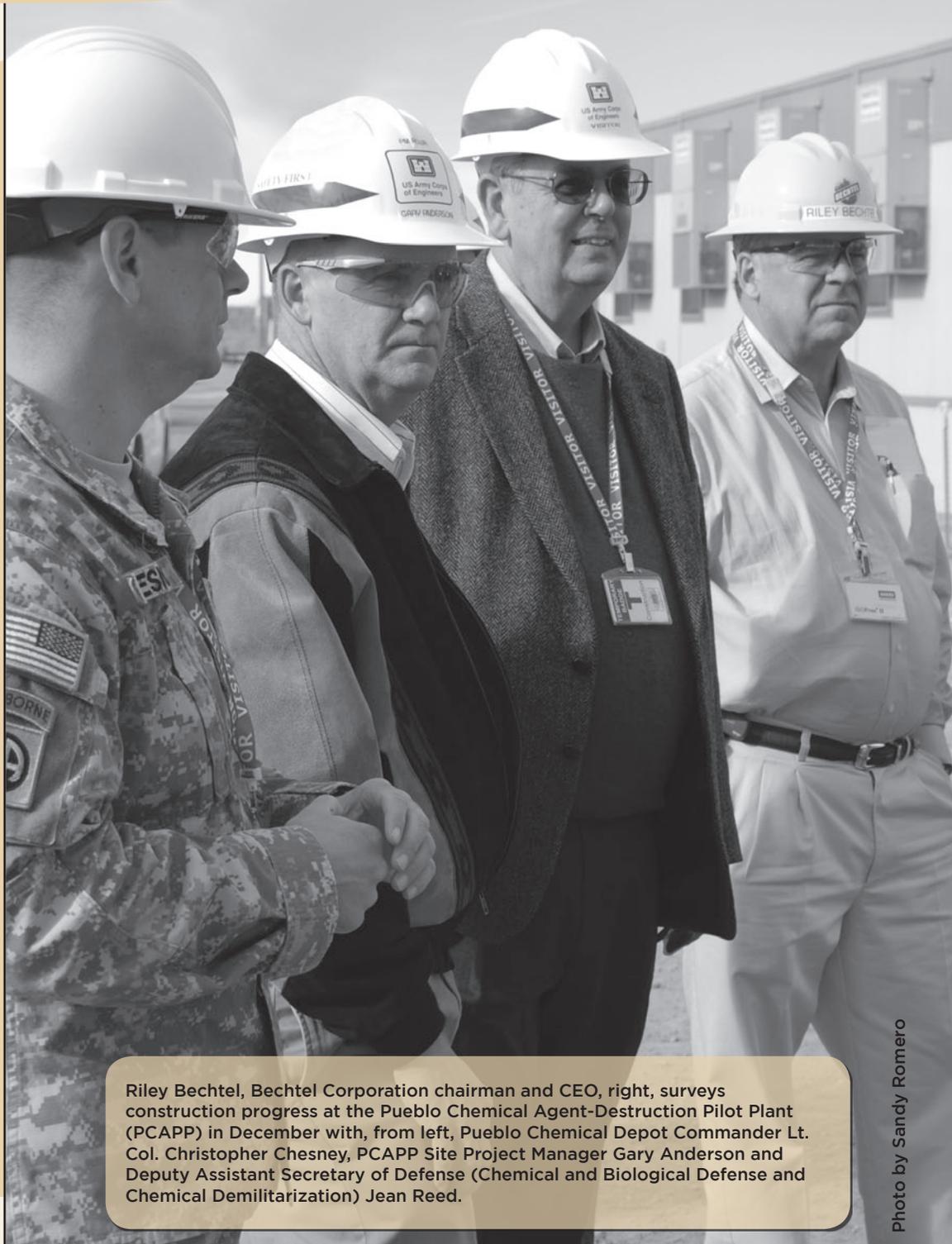
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Riley Bechtel, Bechtel Corporation chairman and CEO, right, surveys construction progress at the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (PCAPP) in December with, from left, Pueblo Chemical Depot Commander Lt. Col. Christopher Chesney, PCAPP Site Project Manager Gary Anderson and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Chemical and Biological Defense and Chemical Demilitarization) Jean Reed.

Photo by Sandy Romero

Message From the Site Project Manager

Year in Review at the PCAPP Site



By GARY ANDERSON
PCAPP Site Project Manager

This year was all about change at the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (PCAPP). The landscape of the construction site was altered every day as new buildings and structures emerged from the ground. Looking back on the year, we accomplished many milestones, and I wanted to take a moment to help us collectively reflect on how far we've come in just 12 short months.

In advance of issuing our construction permit, the state health department issued four temporary authorizations, or TAs, to the PCAPP project this year. This allowed us to begin foundation work on two key PCAPP structures: the Agent Processing Building and the Enhanced Reconfiguration Building. However, our most notable permitting achievement of 2008 occurred on Oct. 17, when the state health department issued PCAPP the permit which will allow our team to move full steam ahead in building the remainder of the pilot plant. I'd like to take this opportunity to again express my thanks to everyone who participated in the permitting process – specifically the PCAPP environmental team, their counterparts at the state health department and our stakeholders – your contributions will ensure the highest levels of safety for our workers, the community and the environment.

Our dedicated team of experienced professionals expanded further in 2008, and our economic impact to the local community is as far-reaching as ever. The project now employs 413 people; 174 of these people are craft workers. Our acquisitions for the year constitute \$123 million, with 56 percent going to businesses in Pueblo and Colorado. Despite this growth, and the increase of activity on the construction site, the Bechtel Pueblo Team (BPT) reached a significant safety achievement in late summer, when the project was nominated for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Voluntary Protection Program Star Status. BPT has a comprehensive safety culture, which has been adopted by the entire PCAPP team, from craft workers to government staff. This commitment to safety continues to be paramount and will remain a significant component of our project's success.

Decisions pertaining to hydrolysate shipment, acceleration and funding are expected early in the new year. With the construction permit in hand, the project stands poised to make dynamic progress on the construction site in the coming year. On behalf of the entire PCAPP team, thank you for your continued support. I wish you and the entire Pueblo community a happy and prosperous new year.

New Deputy Brings Technical Experience to Team

By RENEE MARTINEZ
PCAPP Community Outreach Specialist

The Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (PCAPP) team is pleased to welcome Walton "Walt" Levi. As the Army's deputy site project manager, Levi is second in command on the PCAPP project. He will serve as the technical expert, advisor and supervisor for the field office technical staff, as well as ensure proper oversight of the systems contractor for the completion of PCAPP.

Before coming to Pueblo, Levi served as the director of risk management at the Deseret Chemical Depot in Utah. "I am thrilled to have someone of Walt's experience on the project," Gary Anderson, PCAPP site project manager, said. "He brings extensive experience in surety, which will be critical to beginning operations. The PCAPP team looks forward to working with him."

Having grown up in Security, Colo., Levi is happy to be back in his home state. In addition, members of Levi's family were employed by the U.S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depot, so he is excited to perpetuate his family legacy.

When he's not working at the PCAPP construction site, Levi is an avid outdoorsman. You might find Levi and his family visiting the Pueblo Zoo or exploring the nearby San Isabel National Forest.



Photo by Rosemary Patterson

Walton "Walt" Levi is the new deputy site project manager at PCAPP. This Colorado native is happy to be back in his home state.