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## **Hink to direct Bechtel Parsons' work at Blue Grass chemical weapons destruction plant**

*New manager returns to Richmond as project moves into systemization phase*

**Richmond, KY. (Nov. 2, 2015)** – Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass (BPBG) welcomes Ron Hink as project manager for the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP). Hink succeeds Doug Omichinski, who has been appointed Bechtel's corporate manager of Construction in Houston, Texas.

Hink has more than 29 years of experience in project and construction management and engineering of highly complex military and nuclear facilities. Hink returns to BGCAPP after serving since 2013 as project manager for the New Safe Confinement and Enclosing Perimeters projects at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, both located at Chernobyl, Ukraine.

Hink previously served as the BPBG assistant project manager from 2011 to 2013 and design-build manager from 2007 to 2008.

He also served as project engineering manager and plant manager for the Aberdeen Chemical-Agent Disposal Facility in Aberdeen, Maryland, from 1999 to 2006. As plant manager, he successfully led operations to safely destroy 1,817 containers of mustard agent three years ahead of schedule.

Before his first assignment at BPBG, Hink served as the mechanical chief engineer for Bechtel Systems and Infrastructure from 2006 to 2007. His other assignments have included project manager for the K-25 Uranium Enrichment Facility Decontamination and Demolition Project in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and as deputy project manager of the Ground Based Midcourse Defense project in Madison, Alabama.

BGCAPP will safely and efficiently destroy 523 tons of chemical agents stored at the Blue Grass Army Depot. Construction of the facility that will destroy nerve agent was completed last week and the project is now in the systemization phase. This phase involves testing the machinery, equipment and processes to ensure functionality. Operations at this facility are scheduled to begin in 2020 and end in 2023.

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Construction started earlier this year on a separate facility that will destroy the mustard agent. Operations are expected to start at this facility in 2017 and end in 2018.

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An aerial view from the northwest corner of the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant at the Blue Grass Army Depot near Richmond, Kentucky, in October 2015.

**About Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass:** Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass is under contract to the U.S. Department of Defense's Program Executive Office, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives to design, build, systemize, operate and close the Blue Grass Chemical Agent Destruction Pilot Plant – a facility to safely destroy the chemical weapons stockpile at the Blue Grass Army Depot in Kentucky. Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass is a joint venture of Bechtel National Inc., of Reston, Virginia, and Parsons Government Services Inc., of Pasadena, California. The joint venture has four teaming subcontractors: AECOM, Battelle Memorial Institute, GP Strategies Corporation and General Atomics. For more information about Bechtel Parsons visit [bechtelparsonsbgcapp.com](http://bechtelparsonsbgcapp.com). For more information about chemical weapons destruction in Kentucky visit [peoacwa.army.mil](http://peoacwa.army.mil).