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KENTUCKY CHEMICAL DESTRUCTION CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
RECOMMENDATION ON
OPERATION SWIFT SOLUTION

Basis for Recommendation:

1) The SWWG (Secondary Waste Working Group) and the CDCAB (Chemical Destruction Citizens Advisory Board) understand the need for the expeditious disposal of the materials contained in the three TCs (ton containers) stored at the BGCA (Blue Grass Chemical Activity) to eliminate the risk associated with these materials;

2) The SWWG and the CDCAB recognize that the CHATS (Chemical Agent Transfer System) is the most viable method (providing containment best suited for the confidence and protection of the citizens of KY) to accomplish this objective;

3) The SWWG and the CDCAB recognize there are many unanswered questions regarding the volume, characteristics and treatment/storage options associated with the hydrolysate generated by the neutralization of the ton container material via the CHATS approach; and

4) The SWWG and the CDCAB also recognize the potential hurdles presented with any of the treatment/storage options, including but not limited to: regulatory time limits on storage; community acceptance/rejection of off-site shipment/treatment; waste characterization; and storage space limitations within the BGCLA (Blue Grass Chemical Limited Area).

Recommendation:

1) That ACWA (Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives) and ECBC (Edgewood Chemical Biological Center), in conjunction with BGCA and BGAD (Blue Grass Army Depot), continue to pursue expeditious neutralization of the material contained in the three TCs via the CHATS method;

2) That these entities submit a permit application to the KDEP (Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection) to accomplish the neutralization objective as soon as possible; and

3) That ACWA, along with their government partners and in conjunction with the Kentucky community, consider all potential on-site storage/treatment options with an emphasis on viable interim storage capabilities until such time as adequate information is gathered to determine the most appropriate course of action for the final disposition of the hydrolysate generated from the CHATS operation.

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