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**Statement of Chief Executive of Madison County and the
Mayors for the Cities of Richmond and Berea, Kentucky
Regarding Off-Site Hydrolysate Treatment from the Blue Grass Chemical Agent Pilot Plant**

It is with steadfast resolve and unshakable determination, that the County and City Governments of Madison County and the Cities of Richmond and Berea join the Colorado and Kentucky Citizens Advisory Commissions and the Pueblo, Colorado Board of County Commissioners in opposing the off-site shipment of chemical agent hydrolysate from either of the two ACWA chemical disposal facilities.

For many years, the communities and citizens in and around Madison County have voiced their support for the plan agreed to for disposal of the chemical weapons and agents stored at the Blue Grass Army Depot. That agreement was announced in February 2003 and included a two step process: Neutralization followed by Super Critical Water Oxidation (SCWO).

This approach was in line with the fundamental objective in ACWA's initial mission – to execute a "total solution" for the weapons and agents stored at these sites.

Our community, including the elected governments represented here, has an extraordinary record, since that decision was made five years ago, of working cooperatively with the ACWA program and all other government entities associated with the project, in order to ensure the smooth and cohesive implementation of this mission. There have been changes to the original approach too numerous to mention, yet we have worked together to make certain progress has continued to be made throughout the period.

However, we believe that eliminating one of the two basic components of the technical approach agreed to goes beyond the boundaries of propriety and risks the relationship between the program and this community.

We would therefore urge the Program Manager for ACWA, based on numerous formal recommendations provided him by the Kentucky and Colorado CAC's over the past several years, and now our collective endorsement stated herein, to abandon consideration of shipment of chemical agent hydrolysate off-site for treatment and stick to the approach agreed to by them and this community.

We look forward to continued cooperation as we move towards the day when together we have eliminated these weapons and the risks they pose to our citizens.

Signed:

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Kent Clark, Madison County Judge Executive

Handwritten signature of Steve Connelly in black ink.

Steve Connelly, Mayor, City of Berea

Handwritten signature of Connie Lawson in black ink.

Connie Lawson, Mayor City of Richmond