



Blue Grass Chemical Agent-
Destruction Pilot Plant

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Blue Grass Chemical Demilitarization Plant "Goes Vertical" With First Structural Steel

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RICHMOND, Ky. -- Construction workers at the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP) reached a significant milestone Sept. 17 when they placed the first structural steel for the Control and Support Building.

Two structural steel frames were lifted into place by 130-ton cranes, bolted onto the concrete foundation and connected with girders to create a self-supporting structure. Ironworker crews will continue installing structural steel to form the rest of the processing facility structure as construction progresses over the next several years.

"Going vertical with the first placement of structural steel underscores the progress we're making toward safely destroying the stockpile of chemical weapons at the Blue Grass Army Depot," said Jeff Brubaker, site project manager for BGCAPP. Destroying chemical weapons at BGCAPP is managed by a Department of Defense program, the U.S. Army Element Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (ACWA).

Gary Cough, Site Construction Manager for prime contractor Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass, said, "This is the culmination of a lot of hard work by Bechtel Parsons employees and our skilled construction workers from the Kentucky State Building and Construction Trades. Most important, our team has an excellent safety record and we work diligently every day to maintain that."

The chemical weapons destruction facility, now under construction at a site on the Blue Grass Army Depot off of Highway 52, will destroy 523 tons of chemical weapons currently stored by the Blue Grass Chemical Activity. For more information on the project please view the ACWA Web site at <http://www.pmacwa.army.mil/bgcapp>.

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