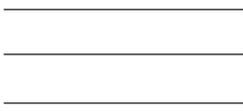
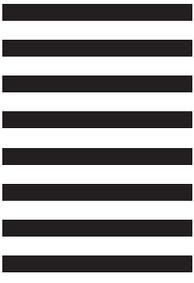


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BGCAPP Project Update March 2009

A Partnership for Safe Chemical Weapons Destruction

Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP) A PARTNERSHIP FOR SAFE CHEMICAL WEAPONS DESTRUCTION

The U.S. Army Element, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives and its contractors are building the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP) to destroy the chemical weapons stockpile stored at the Blue Grass Army Depot. Your involvement with the project is important to us, and we're committed to keeping you informed. To learn more about the status of the pilot plant project, join us for the next quarterly meeting of the Kentucky Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission and the Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board (CDCAB) on **March 10 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Carl D. Perkins Building, Rooms A & B, Eastern Kentucky University on Kit Carson Drive in Richmond.

Site preparation and construction of the pilot plant facility involve some pretty amazing numbers. Here are some facts about what it will take to construct the facility.

DID YOU KNOW? BGCAPP Facts and Figures

1

Fact #1: The site is flattened, built up and leveled. This groundwork is completed to prepare for building foundations and underground utilities. Heavy construction equipment such as track hoes and bulldozers are used for earth-moving and excavation.

Site excavation moves: 157,000 cubic yards of dirt

Equals 62,800 full-size pickup truck loads, which equals 230 miles of standard-size pick-up trucks arranged end to end (the distance from Richmond, Ky., to Nashville, Tenn.).

2

Fact #2: Reinforcing steel, also known as rebar, is used to add strength to structural concrete to support heavy use and loads and avoid cracking. Rebar comes in several different sizes and types of steel.

Reinforcing steel needed for construction: 2,300 tons

Equivalent to the weight of 418 bull African elephants or 18 blue whales.

3

Fact #3: Concrete is everywhere at the BGCAPP site: building foundations, equipment pads, curbs, and in underground utilities such as storm drains and sewers. Its strength and durability make it a popular construction material.

Amount of concrete needed for construction: 39,000 cubic yards

Enough to make a 150-mile standard-size sidewalk. This is long enough to reach from Richmond, Ky., to Knoxville, Tenn.

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Fact #4: Building framework is made from structural steel. It defines and supports floors, walls and roofs as well as providing strength and flexibility in strong winds and seismic events.

Structural steel necessary for construction: 5,800 tons

The equivalent of the weight of 84 modern Army tanks.

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Fact #5: Several different fluids will be carried by appropriately certified piping at the BGCAPP site, including potable (safe for drinking) water, water for the fire protection system, process water (water used by plant processes) and sewage. Piping is also used for compressed air.

Piping needed for construction: 214,000 linear feet (approx. 40 miles)

The approximate distance from downtown Richmond, Ky., to the Lexington, Ky., airport is 40 miles.

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We Look Forward to Your Feedback.

To keep you better informed and seek your opinion, the Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office will be sending you project updates every so often. If you have questions or comments, jot them down and send the reply card back, or call the outreach office at (859) 626-8944.

Need an Update on BGCAPP?

Mark your calendars for upcoming Citizens' Advisory Commission and Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board meetings to stay updated on the project's progress. All meetings are open to the public and accessible to people with disabilities. The upcoming 2009 meeting dates are as follows:

- March 10, 2009
- June 9, 2009
- Sept. 8, 2009
- Dec. 8, 2009

All meetings are held at 1:30 p.m. in the Carl D. Perkins Building, Rooms A & B, Eastern Kentucky University on Kit Carson Drive in Richmond.

Your comments: _____

- I am comfortable with the information you are providing. Please keep it coming.
- I have additional questions or would like to talk about scheduling a presentation. Please contact me.
- I am content that I have the information I need on the chemical weapons destruction project. Please remove my name from your mailing list.

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