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**Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission (CAC) and  
Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board (CDCAB) Meeting  
Summary of Action Items and Discussions  
June 4, 2013  
Eastern Kentucky University  
Richmond, Ky.**

**Attendees**

**Kentucky Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission (CAC):**  
Doug Hindman, Robert Miller, Harry Moberly, Sheila Pressley, April Webb (for Tony Hatton) and Craig Williams

**Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board (CDCAB):** David Benge, Robert Blythe, Jeff Brubaker, Lt. Col. Christopher Grice, Doug Hindman, Scott Jackson, Darcy Maupin, Robert Miller, Harry Moberly, Doug Omichinski, Sheila Pressley, Carl Richards, Col. Brian Rogers, Regina Stivers (for Sen. Mitch McConnell's (R-Ky.) office), April Webb (for Tony Hatton), Tyler White (for Rep. Andy Barr's (R-Ky.) office) and Craig Williams

**Media Attendees:**

*The Richmond Register:* Sarah Hogsed

**Meeting Synopsis**

The meeting provided information on the following:

- Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP) Update
- Recap of CDCAB Co-Chair's Visit to The Hague
- Updates from CDCAB Co-Chair

**Meeting Summary Structure**

This meeting summary is not intended to be a verbatim record of conversations, but instead will provide an overview of the discussions and action items of government representatives and various members of the CAC and CDCAB. Key action items identified

in the meeting and a synopsis of the major questions and comments discussed during the various updates are noted below. Copies of slides and handouts presented during the meeting can be obtained from the Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office (ORO) at (859) 626-8944 or bgoutreach@iem.com.

### **Action Items**

**Action Item:** Hold an Economic Development Working Group (EDWG) meeting to discuss draft Phase I Job Loss Aversion Study.

**Responsible Entity:** Craig Williams

**Timeline:** Before July 1, 2013.

**Action Item:** Schedule and conduct a site tour for CAC/CDCAB members.

**Responsible Entity:** Doug Hindman, CAC Chair.

**Timeline:** Before Sept. 10, 2013.

### **Outline of Key Issues and Discussions**

#### ***Welcome and Introductions – Susan Kahler, ORO, Outreach Specialist***

Kahler welcomed the attendees, reviewed the meeting agenda and noted the following action items from the March 12 CAC/CDCAB meeting:

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Steps Taken</b>	<b>Date/Status</b>
Provide interested members with a copy of the BGCAPP Process Video	Provided DVD copies of the video and referred parties to the YouTube site.	Complete
Call a meeting of the EDWG	Craig Williams to plan for this in 2013.	Prior to July 1
Schedule and conduct a site tour for CAC/CDCAB members	Doug Hindman will poll the membership for available dates.	Before Sept. 10, 2013

#### ***Opening Remarks – Doug Hindman, CAC Chair and Craig Williams, CDCAB Co-Chair***

Hindman welcomed attendees and thanked them for their attendance. He reminded CAC and CDCAB members that they are the eyes, ears and spokespersons in the community. Hindman thanked members for their attendance in the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) meet-and-greet event. He said it's important for the OPCW Executive Council to know that CAC and CDCAB members work closely with BGCAPP project personnel.

Williams also welcomed everyone and noted that he will seek replacements for members Richard Boyle, representing Eastern Kentucky University, and Steve Karcher, representing Berea College, as both are no longer with those institutions.

## **Key Updates**

### ***BGCAPP Update – Jeff Brubaker, BGCAPP, Site Project Manager***

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Brubaker introduced new team members, including Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office Manager Sarah Parke and Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass Project Manager Doug Omichinski. He said Parke is originally from the area and is returning from Boston, Mass., where she worked for the Air Force. He noted Omichinski previously managed the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant through the final phase of construction and that he has many years of chemical demilitarization experience. Brubaker spoke of Col. Brian Rogers' June 27 Change of Command ceremony and said that Rogers has been an outstanding advocate for the program and community. Brubaker said that he and Rogers were able to work collaboratively on issues such as where to site an Explosive Destruction Technology (EDT), considering the explosive arcs and the BGCAPP footprint. He stated that he, Rogers and BGCA leadership are developing a Memorandum of Agreement which details specifics related to the transport of chemical munitions to the demilitarization site. He then gave an update on the OPCW Executive Council visit, stating it was a great opportunity to interface with the Executive Council members and the community. Brubaker stated BGCAPP was able to show progress on the installation of specific equipment that will disassemble rocket and projectile munitions to the council. He then focused on EDT, saying the release of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the draft Finding of No Significant Impact is expected in late June, followed by a public comment period. Supporting documents will be available on PEO ACWA's website, as well as at information repositories and the ORO. He stated that a public meeting will be held to further explain the EA and to respond to stakeholder questions.

Brubaker also provided a construction progress update, stating since the March 12 meeting 14 filter enclosures have been placed on the Munitions Demilitarization Building Filter Bank. He said 10 to 11 of those filters will be used for operations with the remainder used as spares. Three of the five Hydrolysate Storage Area tanks are now placed with a total storage capacity of 700,000 gallons and vessels and tanks are now in place in the Bulk Chemical Storage Area. He said that interior work includes large-scale piping and cable-tray installation. Brubaker reported that project construction is 68 percent complete and systemization activities are 8 percent complete. He discussed the status of key buildings and systems around the construction site. He noted the project has taken delivery of the water recovery system which will recycle up to 70 percent of the water used in the demilitarization process. The Rocket Shear Machine and Rocket

Cutting Machine and their associated conveyors are now placed. Brubaker stated that the Control and Support Building will be the first process building to be turned over to the systemization team. He noted that the largest continuous concrete placement occurred recently with the 14-hour, 800 cubic-yard placement of the Supercritical Water Oxidation (SCWO) Processing Building Tank Farm foundation.

CAC and CDCAB member, Robert Miller asked about the types of questions project personnel received from members of the OPCW Executive Council and inquired about the members' levels of credentials and/or expertise. Brubaker responded by stating that most of the members have significant chemical weapons demilitarization past experience and degrees. He said the questions mainly focused on their ability to independently assess whether BGCAPP is able to meet the current demilitarization schedule.

Doug Hindman pointed out that the pilot plant team is performing systemization activities along with construction and congratulated the team on that effort.

### ***Recap of Chemical Weapons Convention/OPCW Third Five-Year Review Conference – Craig Williams***

Williams spoke of his visit to the Chemical Weapons Convention/OPCW in The Hague for the third Five-Year Review Conference this year, stating the conference provided an opportunity for parties to the treaty to provide updates regarding their compliance with their respective obligations within the agreement. Williams said that as a member of the Kentucky CAC/CDCAB, he was asked to present the current status of efforts as part of a panel to emphasize the progress being made in Kentucky and to impart to member states the level of cooperation between the government, the systems contractor and the local community. He stated that he also presented on the type of technologies, including EDT, which are being considered for use in Kentucky.

### ***CDCAB Working Group Updates – Craig Williams, CDCAB, Co-Chair***

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Williams began by discussing the OPCW meet-and-greet event and thanking CAC/CDCAB members for attending. He said the OPCW representatives enjoyed meeting the CAC/CDCAB members and were very impressed with the openness between project staff and the board. Williams said the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives program has received its requested FY 2013 budget. He noted many people feel it will be more difficult to reduce funding the deeper the project goes.

Explosive Destruction Technologies Working Group (EDTWG): Williams stated the EDTWG and the Permitting Working Group have now been merged because EDT and permitting are integrated in context. He pointed out that a decision was recently made to use an EDS in Colorado and that the EDTWG has copies of the comments provided in

the EA review for Pueblo, Anniston Chemical Agent Destruction Facility's performance data on the use of their SDC and other data on both the performance and process side that need to be reviewed.

Monitoring Working Group: Williams said this group has not met in a long time.

EDWG: Williams said the group is expecting the release of a draft Phase I: Job Loss Aversion report of the economic development study, which focuses on understanding project employment and how to keep workers local when the project is complete. He stated that the plan is to convene a full working group meeting to include the Richmond Chamber of Commerce to discuss the draft report prior to July 1. Williams noted that the study includes Madison and Rockcastle counties due to the way the government assesses impact of a community. If Fayette County were used, a larger and more varied population must be used to determine impact. He said that according to the Labor Department, the group was within boundaries to use only Madison and Rockcastle counties in the study to determine impact on the community. Williams noted that the study will look at transferrable skills and provide a breakdown of degrees and level of education in the area. He discussed the various meetings and tours held in preparation of this draft report including meetings with EDWG co-chairs, Blue Grass Area Development District and the Blue Grass Workforce Investment Board, Commerce Lexington and the Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats Analysis meeting with the Eastern Kentucky University Facilitation Team. In addition, he shared that the Blue Grass Area Development District and the Blue Grass Workforce Investment Board were provided a tour of the pilot plant. Williams stated that there is no current funding available beyond Phase I but is hoping enough momentum will build from the draft Phase I report to bring in funding for the next phase(s).

Hindman commented that Williams has done a considerable amount of work to develop this study. Williams replied that it has been educational for him and that there has not been anyone briefed on this effort who has not been fully supportive.

CDCAB member and EDWG co-chair David Bengé commented that he is very pleased with the study and noted that it is very important to maintain this effort and to find a way to replace salaries after BGCAPP closure. He noted that Williams should be thanked.

### ***Closing Remarks – Doug Hindman and Craig Williams, CDCAB Co-Chairs***

Hindman and Williams thanked attendees for their time and Williams expressed appreciation for the BGCAPP staff dedication and efforts. He noted that Brubaker has done a great job conducting a number of recent tours.

Miller asked the total number of tour participants allowed. Brubaker said that both visitor and workforce safety is paramount and that groups of 15 to 20 are optimal for tours. He added that larger tours could be conducted if divided into two or more groups. Brubaker noted he understands the tours are important for BGCAPP and that project leadership is

looking into providing more structure around tours in such a way to minimize impact to ongoing construction.

CDCAB member Robert Blythe discussed upcoming Speakers Bureau opportunities and the possibility of a tour for two to three people. He thanked Rogers for his participation in the community.

Rogers said he and his family moved to Kentucky three years ago. He said he couldn't ask for a better place to raise a family and that he will be retiring and staying in Madison County.

### ***Next CAC and CDCAB Meeting***

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at Eastern Kentucky University's Carl D. Perkins Building, Rooms A and B.

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