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Mr. Conrad Whyne
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Dear Mr. Whyne,

As we continue to progress towards the objective of eliminating the chemical weapons stored at the Blue Grass Army Depot, the members of the CAC/CDCAB again recognize the inclusive approach taken by ACWA in addressing operational risks associated with the BGCAPP. The continued engagement with the community by both ACWA and BPBG is a model of cooperation towards a common goal.

In regards to the modifications proposed for munitions processing brought to the CDCAB's Design Working Group and through the CAC/CDCAB we make the following recommendations:

WHEREAS, the elimination of the washout portion of rocket processing has been demonstrated to be based on substantive challenges associated with processing equipment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed equipment modifications have been demonstrated to address concerns regarding adequate agent destruction, particularly via the Energetics Batch Hydrolyzers (EBH), and other considerations while eliminating the washout portion of rocket processing.

The CAC/CDCAB provide the following:

RECOMMENDATION: Concurrence with the proposed elimination of the rocket washout system.

WHEREAS, the elimination of the washout portion of projectile processing has been demonstrated to be based on substantive challenges associated with processing equipment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes are still undergoing examination and consideration regarding agent drain efficiency; Metal Parts Treatment residence time/temperature; thermal oxidizer and pollution abatement system impacts; and, other technical issues.

The CAC/CDCAB provide the following:

RECOMMENDATION: ACWA and BPBG continue to generate the information needed to address the outstanding issues associated with eliminating the washout portion of projectile processing.

That ACWA and BPBG continue engaging with the Design Working Group of the CAC/CDCAB as the assessments and risk considerations associated with the elimination of the washout system progress towards a final proposed resolution.

Sincerely,

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