



Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant

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Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant Training Facility

The Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (PCAPP) has been built to destroy the chemical weapons stored at the U.S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depot. As the plant draws closer to the start of destruction operations, the hiring and training of the operations workforce becomes the project's top priority. The PCAPP Training Facility at the Pueblo Memorial Airport Industrial Park offers the perfect venue for PCAPP employees to receive the best possible training to ensure their own safety and that of the community and the environment.

A Specialized Facility

The PCAPP Training Facility was recently renovated to meet the specific requirements for rigorous chemical weapons destruction training. Several areas of the training facility provide environments similar to those in which staff will work once operations begin. For example, one classroom has been designed to allow workers to engage with the Honeywell Control System that will be used by operators to monitor PCAPP operations. Operators trained on this equipment will practice start-up, shut down, as well as how to respond to emergency or unexpected conditions. The facility will also include first-of-a-kind equipment that will be employed during operations at PCAPP. Simulated munitions will be used for maintenance training on the Projectile Mortar Disassembly system, the Munitions Washout System's Cavity Access Machine and Lift Assist. Static displays of the Munitions Monitoring Equipment and Parts Monitoring Equipment are also available to aid in training exercises.

One key area of training that will take place at the facility is Demilitarization Protective Ensemble (DPE) training. Many site workers will need to be prepared to perform tasks wearing DPE, which is an encapsulated air-supplied chemical protective suit operating at positive pressure. As vision and mobility are restricted when wearing DPE, trainees will practice on the facility's staircase and mezzanine to learn how to manage air hoses while navigating stairs. Additionally, three airlock rooms will allow trainees wearing DPE to master the complexities of entering and exiting the rooms.

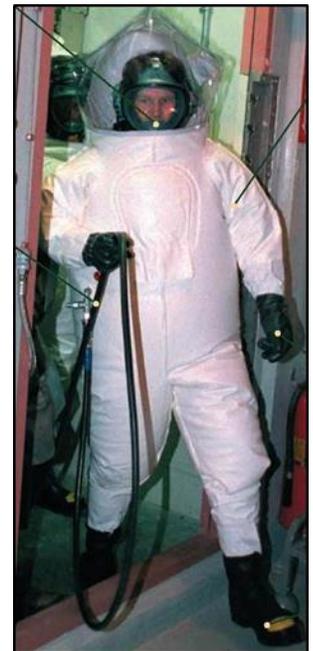
Additionally, mechanics and munitions handlers will be trained to enter a potentially contaminated area. The training simulation includes workers donning cotton gear along with medical staff practicing screening and monitoring.

In total more than 120 courses are offered at the Training Facility to prepare workers for the unique roles they will encounter in the chemical weapons destruction process. Training courses such as CPR, First Aid and Fall Protection will ensure every worker is prepared and ready to deal with emergency and safety situations of every kind.

Interested stakeholders and job seekers may visit the facility to inquire about current job opportunities, or visit the PCAPP career opportunities website at: <http://pueblo.bechtel.com/>.



The new 25,000 square foot Training Facility, located at 4 Jetway Court in the Pueblo Memorial Airport Industrial Park, will offer more than 120 training courses for pilot plant staff.



The Demilitarization Protective Ensemble, or DPE, is a heat-sealed one-time-use suit. The airtight suit provides the highest level of protection against chemical agent exposure.