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**Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission and  
Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board Meeting  
Summary of Action Items and Discussions  
Sept. 16, 2014  
Eastern Kentucky University (EKU)  
Richmond, Kentucky**

**Attendees**

**Kentucky Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission (CAC):**  
Doug Hindman, Mark Klaas, Harry Moberly, Sheila Pressley and Craig Williams

**Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board (CDCAB):** David Benge, Robert Blythe, Jeff Brubaker, Jeanne Hibberd, Lt. Col. Andrew "Jack" Morgan, Doug Hindman, Mike Hogg, Terry House, Mark Klaas, Darcy Maupin, Ramesh Melarkode (for Col. Lee Hudson), Harry Moberly, Doug Omichinski, Sheila Pressley, April Webb and Craig Williams

**Media Attendees:**

*The Richmond Register: Bonnie Dailey*  
*Lexington Herald-Leader: Greg Kocher*

**Meeting Synopsis**

The meeting provided information on the following:

- Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP) Project Update
- Explosive Destruction Technology (EDT) Working Group (EDTWG) Updates
- Blue Grass Chemical Activity (BGCA) Update

**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:** Economic Development Working Group (EDWG) will work with BGCA on future workforce numbers.

**Responsible Entity:** Craig Williams, CDCAB co-chair.

**Timeline:** By Dec. 16, 2014.

**Action Item:** Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass Joint Venture (BPBG-JV) will coordinate with local trade and technical schools to communicate hiring needs.

**Responsible Entity:** Doug Omichinski, BPBG-JV project manager.

**Timeline:** By Dec. 16, 2014.

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

#### ***Welcome and Introductions – Sarah Parke, Manager, ORO***

Parke welcomed the attendees, reviewed the meeting agenda and noted the following action items from the June 11, 2014, CAC/CDCAB meeting:

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Steps Taken</b>	<b>Date/Status</b>
Draft and present an appreciation letter to Rocket Motor Separation Operations participants.	Craig Williams presented the letter to Chasity Pearson, BGCA public affairs officer. The letter was distributed to the participants at a town hall meeting.	Complete

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

Hindman welcomed attendees and expressed appreciation for the Aug. 21 BGCAPP site tour for CAC/CDCAB members. He remarked that it was good to see the progress of the plant.

Williams also commented on the CAC/CDCAB tour of BGCAPP. He remarked that there was a filmmaker included on the tour. The filmmaker is creating a documentary on the 25-year history of the Kentucky Environmental Foundation and was very impressed by the site. Williams opened up the discussion to other CAC/CDCAB members to give informal feedback on the tour.

Robert Blythe expressed appreciation for the privilege to see the building progress, especially after seeing the Anniston, Alabama, facility after their operations concluded.

Terry House agreed with Blythe's statements and commented that seeing the progress instills confidence in the safety of the project.

Harry Moberly also agreed with Blythe and House and expressed his appreciation to Jeff Brubaker, Doug Omichinski and Lt. Col. Andrew "Jack" Morgan for what they are doing. He stated that he feels the community is in good hands.

## **Key Updates**

***BGCAPP Project Update – Jeff Brubaker, Site Project Manager, BGCAPP, and Doug Omichinski, Project Manager, BPBG-JV***

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Brubaker and Omichinski delivered the quarterly project update, pointing out the construction and systemization complete percentages, continuing and upcoming construction work, the fact that the Container Handling Building (CHB) foundation is now complete and is visible in the aerial photograph of the site and the foundation of the Entry Control Facility (ECF) is underway. Brubaker explained the role of the CHB. Brubaker also referenced details on the progress of the Munitions Demilitarization Building filter banks and the Hydrolysate Storage Area tanks. Brubaker provided information on the testing of the Facility Control System input/output loops, the progress of the Supercritical Water Oxidation Processing Building (SPB) tanks and the addition of a doctor on staff to improve working safety and emergency care. Omichinski referenced the readiness review for the boiler system in the Utility Building (UB), saying the boilers are scheduled to come online to heat buildings with steam heat this winter. Omichinski reported that systemization is ahead of schedule for the plant subsystems. He said the tradesmen are nearly finished with the installation of sheetrock in the SPB and building construction is 50 percent complete. Omichinski stated the steel trusses will be set on the CHB this week, the equipment testing in the UB is 29 percent complete and the paving around the site is 50 percent complete. Brubaker continued with an update on the EDT design review and status of the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (KDEP) permitting process. Omichinski commented on the Lab readiness and the application of lessons learned from Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant. He stated Lab readiness should be announced complete in a few days. On a safety note, Omichinski said the Occupational Safety and Health Administration visited the site last month and officially recommended to Region 4 that the project be recertified as a Star Status site for the Voluntary Protection Program. He also provided updated local workforce numbers.

The group asked five questions in regards to the purpose of the ECF, recruitment of local workers through job fairs and technical school cooperation and the expected timeline for new hires and project completion. Brubaker addressed the question about the ECF, clarifying the building referenced is not the facility close to the project's gate, but is near the entrance to the main plant. Omichinski addressed the workforce questions with information about electricians and the skill sets needed for future workers.

***EDTWG Update – Craig Williams, Co-Chair, CDCAB***

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Williams highlighted the difference in the project's outreach efforts now versus 20 years ago. He commended the communications efforts and transparency of BGCAPP in regards to the permitting process for EDT. He referenced the opportunity for the group to participate in the permitting and design review process and to see the Static Detonation Chamber in operation in Anniston, Alabama. Williams provided permitting schedule updates and the role of KDEP in the site acceptance testing of the EDT. Williams recognized meeting attendee and former project employee Leo Weitzman for his efforts and commitment to the chemical demilitarization project.

House asked if Sweden had to deal with the same types of weapons that exist in Kentucky. Williams responded that to his knowledge Sweden did not have chemical weapons of their own to destroy, but have provided technology to multiple countries for the destruction of chemical weapons.

***BGCA Update – Lt. Col. Andrew "Jack" Morgan, Commander, BGCA***

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Morgan addressed the group and shared his vision and priorities for BGCA. Morgan stressed the mutual support between BGCA and BGCAPP. He said BGCA plans to have an open house event to allow family and community members to visit BGCA to learn what happens behind the fence. Morgan also commented on beginning preparation of a transition plan for employees after the mission of chemical demilitarization is complete.

House asked for specific numbers of employees who will stay at the facility. Morgan replied the numbers are not available at this time but an analysis of the workforce is in process. Williams expressed appreciation to Morgan for his transparency efforts and straightforward nature. Williams also provided information about the EDWG and asked for future employment details for BGCA when they are available. Williams continued with a status update on the economic development report and highlighted a national award

for the report. Williams discussed the need for funding to continue the next phase of the study.

***Next CAC and CDCAB Meeting***

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. at the ECU Carl D. Perkins Building, Rooms A and B.

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