

Pueblo Chemical-Agent Destruction Pilot Plant Contract Award Upheld by GAO

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ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. - Officials here charged with managing destruction of the chemical weapons stockpile at Pueblo Chemical Depot, Col., were notified today by the Army's Operations Support Command that the General Accounting Office has upheld a contract award to a team led by Bechtel National, Inc. for the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant, or PCAPP.

A protest was filed by Pueblo Environmental Solution, LLC shortly after the Sept. 27, 2002 award.

Resolution of the protest allows the Bechtel team to start work on the project's first task, which is to produce a design-build plan for a full-scale pilot plant to destroy the Pueblo chemical weapons stockpile using neutralization followed by biodegradation.

Future task orders will be awarded under the basic contract, including tasks for construction, systemization, pilot testing, operation, and ultimately, closure of the facility.

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Congress established the Assembled Chemical Weapons Assessment program (ACWA) in 1997 in accordance with Public Law 104-208. In 2002, Public Law 107-248 assigned PMACWA responsibility for destruction of the chemical weapons stockpile stored at the Pueblo Chemical Depot.