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**Summary of Action Items and Discussions
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**December 6, 2005, Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board
(CDCAB) Meeting Synopsis**

The December 6, 2005, CDCAB meeting was designed to provide:

- Funding Update
- Update on the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP)
- National Research Council (NRC) Report on Design Assessment
- BGCAPP Redesign Efforts
- Proposed Working Group for Community Development Impact

Meeting Summary Structure

This meeting summary is not intended to be a verbatim record of conversations, but instead is meant to provide an overview of the discussions and next steps committed to by the government and various members of the 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 at 859-626-8944 or bgoutreach@bah.com.

Action Items

Action Item: An ad hoc group will meet to identify issues concerning the community development impacts.

Responsible Entity: Jeanne Hibberd

Timeline: This group will report at the next CDCAB meeting scheduled for March 15, 2006.

Outline of Key Issues and Discussions

***Welcome and Introductions* – Yvonne Riding, Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office**

Ms. Riding welcomed the attendees and reviewed the meeting agenda and action items from the September 13 CDCAB meeting.

***Opening Remarks* – Kent Clark and Craig Williams, CDCAB Co-Chairs**

Judge Clark thanked the attendees and board members for their participation and welcomed Chris Haynes, the new Project Manager for Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass.

Craig Williams noted that the BGCAPP facility has come a long way in less than a year and reminded the attendees that in 2004 the project was in jeopardy of losing funding. He pointed out that positive information had been circulating about the project. Mr. Williams thanked Bill Gekler of the NRC for coming to brief the group on the NRC Design Assessment report.

Key Updates

***Funding Update* – Bill Pehlivanian**

Mr. Pehlivanian discussed the recent positive changes in the program and stated that the momentum has picked up again. Additionally, Mr. Pehlivanian was encouraged to see the continued community participation and thanked Mr. Whitey Puro for his consistent involvement and input.

Mr. Pehlivanian stated that while the momentum has slowed due to funding issues, safety is still a priority and will not be compromised. The Program Manager has submitted a request for the required funding needed to maintain the current momentum and the prognosis is positive.

Mr. Williams inquired about the \$100 million which was released by Senator McConnell to supplement the spending bill and if these funds would be obligated within 120 days as required.

Mr. Pehlivanian stated that the obligation of this funding has been done successfully, within the 120 days as required.

Mr. Williams also inquired about the status of the request to transfer the 2007 funding from research and development (R&D) status to military construction (MILCON) funding so these funds can be used for construction.

Mr. Pehlivanian responded that the language to change the funding from R&D to MILCON had been approved by the House. However, it still under continuing resolution with the Senate, and it may be early January before this is resolved. MILCON funding has been applied to keep design moving and start construction in 2006. Mr. Pehlivanian thinks that ultimately this funding will be transferred to MILCON money, but stated that the next 6 – 8 months are critical to keep the momentum moving.

BGCAPP Site Update – Jim Fritsche, Site Project Manager

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Mr. Fritsche introduced the new Deputy Site Project Manager, Mr. Ralph Collins, and the new Outreach Office staff, Ms. Yvonne Riding and Ms. Stephanie Parrett.

Bob Miller inquired about the operations security (OPSEC) process and if this requirement began post 9/11. Mr. Fritsche replied that the OPSEC process has always been in place, but the requirements have become more involved since 9/11 and more people are now required to be trained in the OPSEC process.

Carl Richards inquired about the 2012 treaty deadline and the reality of meeting this date. Mr. Fritsche replied that meeting this deadline may not be realistic, but the process can be expedited in certain areas, such as early works construction. He also indicated that this will not be easy, but lots of changes can occur in the first year to speed up the schedule.

Design Assessment Highlights – Bill Gekler, National Research Council

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Mr. Miller inquired about the NRC's involvement in the program after BGCAPP begins operation.

Mr. Gekler responded that the NRC would probably stay involved to assess the operations, but he was unsure of the level of involvement. Mr. Pehlivanian concurred and indicated that the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (ACWA) program wants to maintain a relationship with the NRC through operations and closure.

Mr. Williams pointed out that the Congressional language links the NRC to ACWA and the chemical demilitarization program through the life of the program.

Update on Redesign Effort – Chris Haynes, Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass

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Mr. Williams inquired about the treaty requirements for the non-contaminated rocket motors and if this process is in compliance with the treaty. Mr. Haynes responded that part of the M55 rockets will still be under treaty requirements.

Mr. Miller inquired about the hiring of onsite personnel and if a screening database would be utilized to make this process foolproof. He also inquired whether personnel from other chem demil sites would be available as those sites completed their mission.

Mr. Haynes responded that yes, the personnel reliability program database would be used to screen for personnel. However, LTC Shuplinkov recommended to not rely on employees from other sites being available for BGCAPP as needed, due to delays at those sites. LTC Shuplinkov also commented that it may be difficult to find enough qualified local candidates to pass the security screening requirements.

Mr. Hindman inquired about the treatment for the output from the supercritical water oxidation unit and any offsite treatment plans.

Mr. Haynes responded that the brine recovery system had been deleted from the design and an ad hoc committee is looking at this issue to establish a win-win situation. The committee will identify environmental justice issues, public outreach, etc. and it may determine that offsite treatment is not prudent.

Proposed Working Group on Community Development Impact – Jeanne Hibberd, Berea Civic Representative

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Ms. Hibberd presented information suggesting the establishment of a working group to address community development impacts and identify what information is needed in order to plan strategically.

Key issues pointed out by Ms. Hibberd included population changes, jobs, tax revenue, etc. Ms. Hibberd's handout covers this information in more detail.

Judge Clark responded by stating that Madison County is growing steadily and he does not see a huge impact to the infrastructure as indicated by Ms. Hibberd's presentation.

He continued by stating that the County has been preparing for years and that the governments of Madison County, Richmond, and Berea are working together to ensure a smooth process.

Judge Clark also stated that the County receives a 1 percent occupational tax for every employee at the Depot and will continue to do so. He stated that the BGCAPP has been anticipated for quite a while and that upgrades to the roads, power, sewage, etc. have been taking place or are in the works. Examples cited by Judge Clark include \$40 million in transportation projects targeted to start in the summer of 2006 and new school construction every 2 years.

As for housing, Judge Clark stated that builders are responsible for funding road widening, sewage extension, etc. There is minimal cost to the County for these types of activities.

Reverend Blythe pointed out that the overall BGCAPP budget may be in the billions; however, not all of this funding is flowing into the community. A large portion of it is used to pay Bechtel, for materials, etc. He stated that the impact is not as bad as was anticipated 4 – 5 years ago.

Bob Miller suggested that Ms. Hibberd and Judge Clark dialog on this issue and include this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Mr. Williams stated that the primary focus on this issue has been the 75 percent local hire target. The bigger issue is how to train adults for these specialized work requirements and increase their marketability. Mr. Williams thinks this subject can be narrowed down to a specific number of issues.

Rob Rumpke stated that this was a great opportunity to upgrade the adult workforce in the area. Mr. Rumpke also pointed out that the Chamber of Commerce has established an Economic Development Committee which is looking at many of these same issues.

Judge Clark agreed that there are some issues which must be addressed, but the majority of the infrastructure issues listed by Ms. Hibberd are being worked and that the local workforce is the biggest issue. Judge Clark stated he would like to meet with Ms. Hibberd to discuss this issue further.

Reverend Blythe stated that he would like for the group to follow through with a working group to discuss this issue.

Mr. Williams agreed with Reverend Blythe and recommended that an ad hoc group meet to identify where the County is in relation to Ms. Hibberd's list and report back at the next CDCAB meeting.

Next CDCAB Meeting

CDCAB meetings for 2006 are scheduled for March 15, June 14, September 12 and December 12.

The meetings are scheduled to take place at the Eastern Kentucky University's Perkins Building.

Closing Remarks – Craig Williams, Co-Chair

Mr. Williams stated that he was pleased with the funding developments and he thanked the attendees and Mr. Gekler from the NRC for their participation.