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New Path Forward Charted for Explosive Destruction Technologies at Pueblo Chemical Depot

February 2010 Environmental Assessment is withdrawn

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ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – After careful consideration, the February 2010 Environmental Assessment (EA) has been withdrawn and a new EA will be completed in 2011.

The Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (ACWA) program will focus on the originally planned use of explosive destruction technology (EDT) for destroying overpacked and reject munitions. In addition, the ACWA program will consider using the EDT to destroy explosive components removed from munitions, and one category of munitions which may require increased handling by workers. The decision made included input from a 63-day public comment period and an extensive review by senior Department of Defense leadership.

“An EDT has always been part of the plant design, and we recognize the need to do a more rigorous analysis on EDT use than originally envisioned,” said Kevin Flamm, ACWA program manager.

ACWA will contract with Oak Ridge National Laboratory to prepare a new EA for the use of EDT which will supplement the 2002 Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (PCAPP) Final Environmental Impact Statement. The new EA will be completed in 2011, will address the comments received from Colorado stakeholders from the February 2010 assessment, and will include the participation of the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8. Dates for a public comment period and public meetings will be announced as a timeline for this new EA is developed.

The ACWA program is fully committed to the safe and environmentally compliant destruction of the chemical weapons stockpiles in Colorado and Kentucky. The program will continue to undertake efforts to mitigate risk and look for opportunities to increase the confidence in completing the destruction of both stockpiles as close to the congressionally-mandated 2017 deadline as possible.

Additional information may be obtained at www.pmacwa.army.mil. The next Colorado Chemical Demilitarization Citizens’ Advisory Commission meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Sept. 29, 2010, at the Boone Fire House/Community Center, 421 E. 1st St., Boone, Colo.

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