## PEO ACWA

A Partnership for Safe Chemical Weapons Destruction



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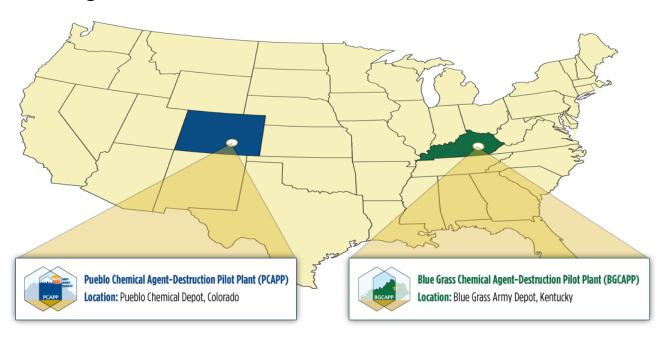


#### **Greetings from ACWA**



#### Today's Agenda:

- Video: U.S. Chemical Weapons Destruction: Progress in Motion
- ACWA Program Overview and Schedule
- Retaining Chemical Demilitarization Experience
- Current Status
- Moving Forward





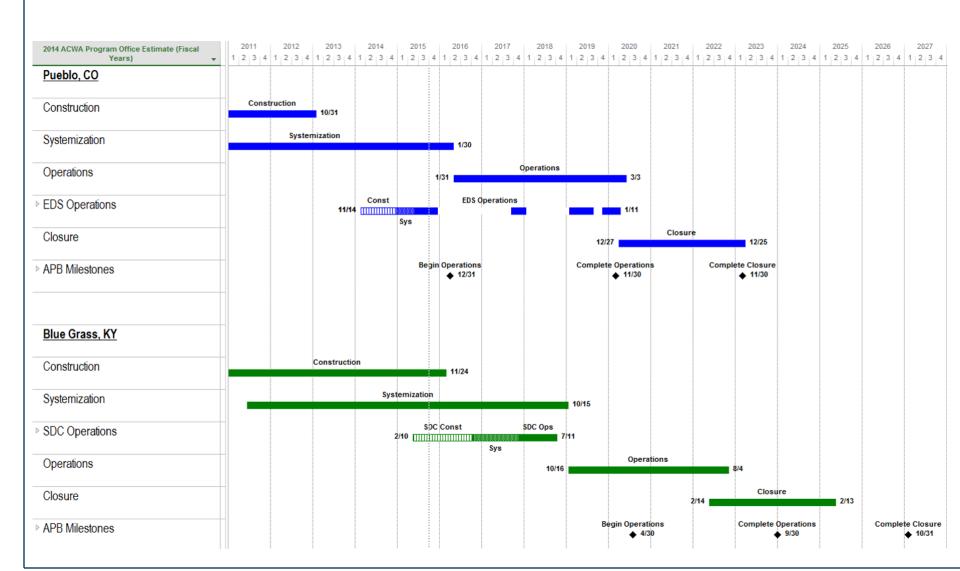
### **Progress in Motion**





### **ACWA Program Baseline Schedule**







## Leadership Additions Ensure Long-Term Success







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#### ACWA Leadership Team Grows: New Deputy Jo Technical Director Position Added

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Staffing changes at the Program Executive Office, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (PEO ACWA) headquarters are increasing depth of experience as the organization continues to prepare for chemical weapons stockpile destruction near Pueblo, Colorado and Richmond, Kentucky.

Don Barclay, who most recently served as U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity director, has joined the team full time as deputy program executive officer (PEO). Barclay was previously the site project manager at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility in Oregon and was also responsible for U.S. Army support to PEO ACWA.

Joe Novad, who previously served as deputy PEO, will assume a new role as the ACWA technical director, with primary responsibilities in the areas of risk management and systems engineering.

"These actions permit Don to devote his attention to getting the ACWA plants operating, something with which he has plenty of experience," said PEO Conrad F. Whyne. "Joe's role as technical director retains the critical ACWA institutional memory and allows him to be that set of vigilant eyes the program needs to manage the constantly evolving technical risks and opportunities."

Whyne said he remains focused on the success of the program, and the senior staff changes help align the organization with that goal.



#### Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant Current Status





Destruction Technology: Neutralization/ Biotreatment



Explosive Destruction
System Operations Began:
March 2015



Pilot Plant Construction
Status: 100% Complete



Pilot Plant Operations Begin: 2016



Pilot Plant Systemization Status: 85% Complete



Anticipated End of Destruction Operations: 2019

PCAPP

As of June 2015



### Pueblo Chemical Weapons Inventory



Munition	Agent Type	Destroyed  As of 30 June 2015
4.2-inch Mortar	HD	
4.2-inch Mortar	НТ	21
105mm Projectile	HD	234
155mm Projectile	HD	
DOT Bottles*	H/HD/HT	10
Total		<b>265</b> (0.51 U.S. tons)

<sup>\*</sup> Department of Transportation Bottles are not included in the original declaration quantities, since they contain samples/waste from declared stockpile.



#### Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant Current Status





Destruction Technology: Neutralization/ Supercritical Water Oxidation



Static Detonation Chamber Operations Begin: 2017



Pilot Plant Construction Status: 96% Complete



Pilot Plant Operations Begin: 2020



Pilot Plant Systemization Status: 31% Complete



Anticipated End of Destruction Operations: 2023

BGCAPP

As of June 2015



# Blue Grass Chemical Weapons Inventory



Munition	Agent Type
M55/M56 Rocket	GB
M55/M56 Rocket	VX
8-inch Projectile	GB
155mm Projectile	VX
155mm Projectile	Н





## **Static Detonation Chamber: Mission**



#### Anniston's Static Detonation Chamber (SDC) will:

- Be used to train Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant's Static Detonation Chamber personnel
- Dispose of Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant uncontaminated energetics





#### **Moving Forward**











#### **Questions?**





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