

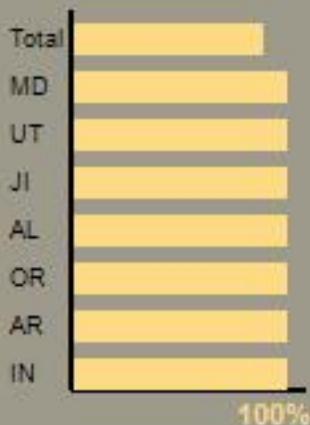


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## Richmond, KY



Toxic Chemical Workers perform a meticulous inspection of chemical weapons. Monitoring the chemical weapons stockpile frequently ensures the safety of the workers, environment and community.

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The Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD) is one of nine Army installations in the United States and currently stores chemical weapons. Located near Richmond, Ky., BGAD, a subordinate installation of the [Joint Munitions Command](#), encompasses approximately 14,600 acres, comprised mainly of open fields and wooded areas. The depot is primarily involved with industrial and related activities associated with the storage and maintenance of conventional and chemical munitions.

The Blue Grass Chemical Activity (BGCA), a tenant organization of the depot that reports to the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity (CMA), is responsible for the safe, secure storage of the chemical weapons stockpile stored at the depot, which comprises 523 tons of nerve agents GB and VX, and mustard agent in projectiles, warheads and rockets. The Blue Grass Chemical Activity is commanded by [LTC Morgan](#).

The U.S. Army Element, [Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives](#), known as ACWA, is the Department of Defense program responsible for the destruction of chemical weapons in Kentucky. Working in partnership with the community, the technology known as [neutralization followed by supercritical water oxidation \(SCWO\)](#) was selected in 2003 to destroy the chemical weapons stockpile.

[Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass](#) is the systems contractor that will design, construct, systemize, pilot test, operate and close the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant.

### Safety and Security

The safety of workers, the public and the environment are paramount to the success of the chemical weapons disposal mission. The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity (CMA) oversees the secure storage of chemical munitions to ensure that they are safe.

#### WHAT'S NEW

##### [Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Morgan - Commander, Blue Grass Chemical Activity](#) [167KB pdf]

**7/8/2014 Blue Grass , KY** - Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Morgan was born in West Virginia and was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) as a Distinguished Military Graduate (DMG)

**[Monitors Detect Mustard Vapor Leak](#)** [83KB pdf] **3/12/2012 Blue Grass , KY** - Army officials report a Real Time Analytical Platform, a mobile monitoring laboratory, detected low levels of Mustard agent vapor in a chemical weapons igloo containing 155 mm projectiles this morning.

**[BGCA Bi-Weekly Update - March 12, 2012](#)** [270KB pdf] **3/12/2012 Blue Grass , KY** - "All of you showed true patriotism by providing cards and notes of support to Wounded Warriors" stated Lt. Col. Steven Basso during an award presentation Feb. 8, to two first grade classes at Kit Carson Elementary School.

**[BGCA Bi-Weekly Update - February 20, 2012](#)** [265KB pdf] **2/20/2012 Blue Grass , MD** - Blue Grass Chemical Activity's (BGCA) primary mission and focus is to ensure the safe and secure storage of "The Nation's chemical weapons stockpile until elimination."

#### MULTIMEDIA

##### PHOTOS



BGAD and BGCA are committed to the safe and secure storage of the chemical weapons until the stockpile can be eliminated.

## Public Participation and Community Relations

The [Kentucky Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission](#) serves as a forum for exchanging information about the chemical weapons destruction project and represents community and state interests to the Army and Department of Defense, to ensure that the public is fully informed about the program.

[The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program](#) works closely with your community and state emergency professionals to develop emergency plans and provide chemical accident response equipment and warning systems.

To learn more about the Army's chemical weapons disposal mission visit the [Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office](#).

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