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Recent Progress on the Blue Grass Army Depot Demilitarization Effort.

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TNT Washout Lagoon Groundbreaking Ceremony



The TNT washout lagoons before remediation.

On June 3, 2013, a groundbreaking ceremony took place at the TNT Washout Lagoon at the Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD).

Phase I of this project included approximately three years of work to date on this joint effort between BGAD and several divisions from Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection. Phase I began in July 2010, shortly after Colonel Brian Rogers arrived and took command at BGAD, which included assessments of the nature and extent of contamination, analysis, and then developing cleanup plans for Phase I.



Col. Rogers speaks at the groundbreaking ceremony.



Coordinating agencies break ground with golden shovels.

These plans will now be put into place, as the ceremony marked the beginning of Phase II, occurring just a few months before Colonel Rogers' retirement and the appointment of Colonel Lee Hudson as BGAD commander. The physical cleanup work should be completed in 2013, with the required permit modification work completed by early 2015.

In attendance at the ceremony were representatives from BGAD; Kentucky Division of Waste Management's Permitting, Corrective Action, and Field Operations Branches; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Military Project Management.



Hay applied to former lagoon area to encourage grass growth.

BGAD Welcomes Colonel Lee Hudson as Commander

Col. Lee G. Hudson became the new commander of Blue Grass Army Depot in an official Army change of command ceremony, June 27, replacing Col. Brian L. Rogers, who has retired from active duty and will remain in the Richmond area with his family.

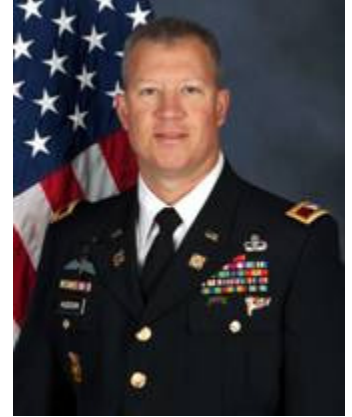
Brig. Gen. Kevin G. O'Connell, commanding general of the Joint Munitions Command, headquartered at Rock Island Arsenal, IL., hosted the ceremony.

Col. Hudson, who joined the Army in 1990, is a native of San Francisco. He has a Bachelor of Science from Auburn University as well as a Master of Business Administration, with honors, from Hawaii Pacific University. He also holds a Masters degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

From 2008 to 2010, Col. Hudson commanded the 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) Support Battalion, and most recently, from 2010 to 2012, as commander of Mission Support Element, United States Army Office of Military Support, supporting Special Operations Forces and Counter-terrorism missions in Iraq, Afghanistan, Philippines and North Africa.

Col. Hudson's awards and decorations include the following medals: Bronze Star; Defense Meritorious Service; Meritorious Service; Joint Service Commendation; Korea Defense Service; Army Commendation; Iraq Campaign; Global War on Terrorism Service; and Master Parachutist, Ranger, Pathfinder and Air Assault Badges.

Col. Hudson and his family already have settled into the Richmond community.



BGAD Commander
Col. Lee G. Hudson

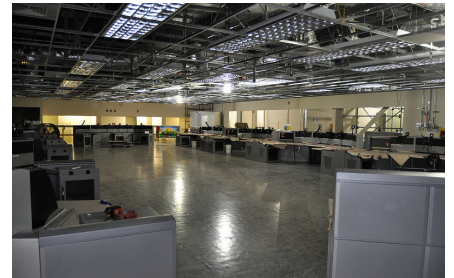
BGCAPP Construction Photos



The Supercritical Water Oxidation (SCWO) Building receives siding.



Piping for the Munitions Washout System (MWS) being welded.



The Control and Support Building (CSB) responsible for operating the plant takes shape.



Rocket Separation Permit Modification Tentatively Approved

The Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection Division of Waste Management has tentatively approved a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act permit modification for a chemical storage permit at the Blue Grass Army Depot. The class 2 permit modification will allow the Blue Grass Chemical Activity (BGCA) to conduct a propellant stability study for GB and VX rockets to support the planned demilitarization that will occur at the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant.

A public notice has been announced via multiple newspaper and radio media outlets, and stakeholders have been sent a copy of the public no-

tice and fact sheet. Copies of the permit's administrative record are available at the Madison County Public Library, the John G. Crabbe Library, the Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office, and at the Division of Waste Management. Following the release of the public notice a 45 day public comment period opened allowing stakeholders to submit comments on the proposed activity.

For questions regarding the rocket separation public notice please contact : heather.alexander@ky.gov.



June
18 & 19

Hilton Downtown Lexington

Lexington Hosts the 2013 CSEPP Annual Meeting

The annual CSEPP meeting was held in Lexington Ky., on June 18 and 19. Attendees with a vested interest in the programs at both Pueblo, Colo., and Richmond, Ky., were present. The focus of this year's meeting was information sharing and joint training opportunities among CSEPP staff, first responders and key partners. The two-day session included presentations on communication during emergencies and disasters, evacuation plans, training and planning

for emergencies. Many of the sessions included team building exercises and professional development learning moments.

During an evening session, meeting participants took part in training titled "The Benefits of an All-Hazards IMT - A Local and National Perspective." The evening was designed for responders to have an understanding of on-scene reporters, tips on media staging, media rights versus media needs, giving interviews ver-

sus not giving them, and protecting the privacy of victims. Participants also had the opportunity to practice their interview skills on camera. The events dinner menu included local BBQ with all the fixings.

Overall the conference was a huge success and many are looking forward to the 2014 annual meeting scheduled to be held in Colorado.

BGCAPP Construction Photos



Hydrolysate storage area tank receiving a lid.



The lab where agent neutralization will be confirmed completed systemization in July.



A neutralization module for the treatment of hydrolysate is guided into the SCWO Building.

Frankfort Field Office Welcomes a New Inspector

The Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection Bluegrass Army Depot Field Office has hired a new inspector.

On Aug. 1, 2013, David Postley started his new position for the Division of Waste Management. The Lexington, Ky. native earned a degree in Environmental Health Science at Eastern Kentucky University. Postley brings relevant knowledge to the



team with his previous experience that includes time in the Army and employment at the Blue Grass Chemical Activity. He loves to do outdoor activities including fishing, camping, and golfing. Postley looks forward to contributing to his new team and continuing his education to improve on his abilities. We look forward to helping him achieve his professional goals.

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Recent photo of TNT Washout Lagoon remediation area