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Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office

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Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office Relocates

The U.S. Army's Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization (PMCD) is pleased to announce that its Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office has re-opened at a new location. Now located in the Gibson Bay area at 370 Highland Park Dr., Ste. 2, the office features ample parking availability, handicap accessibility, larger office display areas and a wealth of informational resources.

Because the Army's Chemical Stockpile Disposal Program is responsible for the safe and effective destruction of the U.S. stockpile of chemical agent and munitions, public involvement is crucial to its success. The Army is committed to presenting clear, concise information to members of the stockpile communities.

The challenge to encourage full public participation and involvement in remaining decision-making opportunities remains one of the Army's top priorities.

"PMCD remains committed to providing a variety of outreach and involvement opportunities for citizens living near all of the chemical weapons stockpile sites, including the Blue Grass site in Richmond," said Greg Mahall, PMCD spokesperson. "Community members must be given the opportunity to be involved in the Army's decision making processes. We believe that the Blue Grass Outreach Office can help facilitate those opportunities."

Madison County Judge Executive Kent Clark, a life-long resident of Madison County, said that he is pleased that the Army makes information readily available to area citizens. "I encourage all community members who have questions about the stockpile and the disposal decision to visit the outreach office," Clark said. "We should all be informed and involved in this important program."



Blue Grass
Chemical Stockpile
Outreach Office
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The new office, located at 370 Highland Park Drive, Ste. 2, is centrally accessible to citizens in Richmond, Berea and Estill County.

Community Members Continue to Seek Information About Chemical Weapons Disposal Plans

As chemical weapons stockpile communities across the country become more involved in the disposal process, many citizens increasingly express an interest in learning first-hand about the stockpile nearest them. Community members near the stockpile stored at Blue Grass Army Depot in Richmond are no exception.

Since a disposal technology has yet to be chosen for the Blue Grass stockpile, area residents are using this time to come up-to-speed on the program's objectives. For many residents, the Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office provides a 'one-stop-shopping' opportunity for those interested in learning more about the Army's chemical stockpile disposal programs.

While many community members take advantage of the informational reading materials, videos and displays available at the outreach office, others prefer to schedule a speaking presentation for friends, family or organizational clubs/groups. If you would like to participate in an outreach office activity, please stop by our new office located at 370 Highland Park Dr., Ste. 2, or phone a staff member at (859) 626-8944.



In October, the Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office was invited to display an information booth at Tokico U.S.A. Inc.'s annual Safety Day. Outreach Office staff member Amy Conner met with many Tokico employees and family members throughout the day.



Photo courtesy of Dr. Robert Bagby

Amanda Stafford, a member of the Kentucky Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission (CAC), recently spoke to members of the Richmond Rotary Club about her involvement on the CAC and her recent tour of the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility in Tooele, Utah. Ms. Stafford is a resident of Richmond and can be contacted through the CAC office at (859) 625-1528.



Enduring Freedom Forum Highlights Community Concerns

On November 15, community leaders and subject matter experts gathered for the Enduring Freedom Forum at Richmond's First United Methodist Church to discuss a variety of safety and security issues with residents of the local community. The forum was held in response to recent terrorism concerns.

The Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office sponsored the community-wide forum, and the event was jointly hosted by the Richmond and Berea Chambers of Commerce. Approximately 75 community members attended.

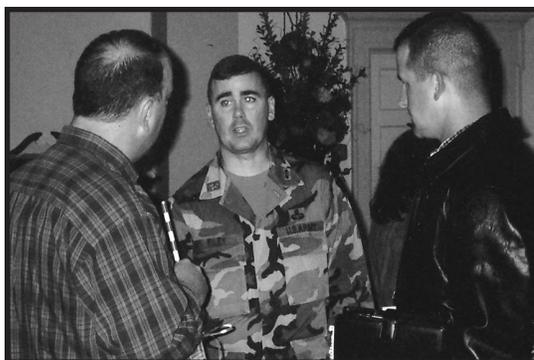
Forum presenters included representatives from the Blue Grass Army Depot, Blue Grass Chemical Activity, state police department, city/county emergency responders, the postal service, the county health department, city/county school systems, the state banking association and mental health professionals. Elected officials in attendance included Ky. Sen. Ed Worley (D), Ky. Rep. Harry Moberly, Jr. (D), Madison County Magistrate William Tudor and Berea City Councilperson Howard Baker.

The following discussion points were introduced by community members who attended the forum:

- Security at Blue Grass Army Depot and Blue Grass Chemical Activity,
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- School safety,
- Evacuation and crisis planning,
- Mail handling procedures,
- Interagency coordination,
- Fear of flying,
- Shelter-in-place guidelines,
- Communicable disease outbreak possibilities, and
- Banking/monetary security.



Dr. Dorothy Mercer, an Associate Professor of Psychology at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU), provided mental health expertise during the forum. Shown here, Dr. Mercer interacts with Lisa Thompson, a senior EKU psychology major.



Maj. John Riley, Blue Grass Chemical Activity commander, spoke with forum attendees after the program concluded.



(left-right) Madison County Magistrate William Tudor exchanged ideas with Paul Baker, assistant superintendent of the Madison County school system, and Jim Rousey, Madison County Health Department.

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We want to hear from you

The Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office serves as a clearinghouse of information about the chemical weapons stockpile stored at Blue Grass Army Depot and the Army's plans for chemical weapons disposal. The outreach office has informational materials that can address your questions or concerns.

If you would like more information about the Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office, please telephone (859) 626-8944 or complete this form and mail it to:

Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office
370 Highland Park Dr., Ste. 2
Richmond, KY 40475

Would you like to be added to our mailing list?

Yes No

Would you like an information packet mailed to you?

Yes No

If you answered yes to either of these questions, please complete the following:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (optional) _____

E-mail (optional) _____

The outreach office schedules speaking presentations that can be given to large or small community groups, clubs, organizations, etc. If you know of a community group that might be interested, please complete the following:

Name _____

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