



Propellant Charge Cans with 155mm Artillery Shell enclosed awaiting X-ray assessment.

### ***X-ray Assessment 41 Percent Complete***

Blue Grass Chemical Activity (BGCA) crews report 41 percent of the total X-ray assessment operation is complete as of Wednesday, May 18.

BGCA began X-ray assessment operations of 155mm mustard agent-filled munitions within the Chemical Limited Area on May 9. A total of 176 rounds were selected to be assessed.

The X-ray operation is a joint effort between BGCA, the U.S. Army 20th Support Command Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosive Analytical and Remediation Activity, and the Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Project.

The operation is being conducted at the request of the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) and the U.S. Army Element, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (ACWA), the program responsible for the destruction of the chemical weapons stockpile stored at the Blue Grass Army Depot, to help

identify what portion of the stockpiled mustard munitions contain a heel of solidified agent, and may provide insight related to difficulties in removing bursters from the projectiles.

The data collected from the operation will be given to CMA and ACWA to determine the path forward for safely and efficiently destroying these munitions. The X-ray operation is on schedule to be complete by the end of June.

### ***BGCA Highlights:***

- ❖ BGCA Tours will begin again in September. We will schedule two on-site tours a month and we are available to visit your school with the BGCA Mobile Information Center. Contact Sheryl Lowell for additional information. (859) 779-6897

### ***BGCA Key Messages:***

- ❖ The Blue Grass Chemical Munitions Stockpile is safely stored and maintained by the employees of the Blue Grass Chemical Activity (BGCA) under the command of Lt. Col. Steven Basso.
- ❖ The U.S. Army is *committed* to the safety of the community, the workforce and the environment.
- ❖ The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program is *committed* to saving lives and protecting property in the unlikely event of a chemical accident or incident at BGCA.

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**Public Affairs:**  
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### **Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant**

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### **"Upcoming Events"**

**June 22- Lt. Col. Basso will be a guest speaker during the Economic and Development Strategies Committee Mtg.**

