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Army Names Acting Director for Chemical Materials Agency

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.- The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) today announced the appointment of Don E. Barclay as its Acting Director, effective February 26, 2012.

Barclay assumes this interim role on the heels of CMA's former director, Mr. Conrad F. Whyne and his recent appointment as Program Executive Office - Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (PEO-ACWA). Whyne was named PEO-ACWA on January 24, 2012.

Barclay assumes the role of Acting Director from his recent position of Deputy Director, U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency, a position he has held since February 17, 2008. Prior to that, Barclay was Site Project Manager at CMA's Umatilla (Ore.) Chemical Agent Disposal Facility from 2001 to 2008. There he was the executing agent for the Umatilla project, managing a \$170 million annual budget and a workforce of 850 people eliminating Umatilla's 3,717 tons of nerve and blister agents.

Prior to that, Barclay first worked in chemical agent operations in 1993 when he served as risk manager for CMA's Chemical Agent Munitions Disposal System (CAMDS) near Tooele, Utah, and eventually becoming CAMDS' director in 1997. He brings almost 20 years of experience to his role.

"CMA is a great work place because of the many dedicated, committed professionals doing great work to accomplish a worthy mission," Barclay said. "The mission of CMA is

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far from over and I welcome the challenge of continuing the fine legacy that is the hallmark of this agency and its people.

“We face some interesting times as an agency. The recent completion of CMA’s stockpile elimination mission is a great accomplishment for the dedicated workforce of CMA. Our safety record stands as a testament to our attention-to-safety culture. That will continue as we move toward plant closures.

“We continue to have a valid mission in installation management, safe stockpile storage, recovered chemical warfare materiel elimination, emergency preparedness and support to our PEO-ACWA brethren. We will maintain our vigilance in that regard as we define where we are headed in the future. We have an expertise in this agency that is unique and valuable to the Army, our government and the nation.”

CMA completed the safe destruction of 27,473.65 U.S. tons of nerve and blister agents representing 89.75 percent of the Nation’s chemical agent stockpile and is the culmination of more than 20 years of dedicated work.

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