

Madison County Elected Officials First to See BGCA Mock Igloo...

Madison County elected officials participated in a unique Blue Grass Chemical Activity (BGCA) tour on March 24.

The BGCA Commander, Lt. Col. Steve Basso, selected the Elected Officials Tour to unveil the recently developed Mock-Igloo. The igloo was designed to be a replica of those located in BGCA's Chemical Limited Area. It will be used to demonstrate to visitors the safe storage and monitoring of chemical munitions and to give stakeholders a better understanding of trained personnel, safety procedures, and equipment.

Basso's intent is to fully engage community leaders in the efforts BGCA takes to ensure safe storage. The igloo will be used for future tours as an educational tool.

The Elected Officials Tour included visits with the Blue Grass Army Depot and the Blue Grass Chemical Agent -Destruction Pilot Plant.

BGCA Completes Over-Pack and Movement of Agent Filled Projectiles....

Blue Grass Chemical Activity completed the containerization of mustard projectiles which were earlier slated for an assessment designed to determine the characteristics of the mustard agent contained within them.

The containerization included over-pack and movement of 155mm mustard projectiles. A total of 12 crates containing the 96 containerized projectiles were safely transported to the designated storage igloo for future X-ray operations, which are scheduled to begin in May.



Tour members left to right: Richard Thomas (Richmond City Commission), Craig Williams (County Liaison & Co- Chair CDCAB), Richard Bellando (Richmond City Commission), Roger Barger (Madison Co. Magistrate), Truman Fields (Berea City Council) and Dave Velazquez (BGCA Chemical Operations Director).

BGCA Highlights:

- ❖ BGCA Headquarters Building renovation to be complete in April 2011.
- ❖ Tour groups scheduled for March and April.
- ❖ Lt. Col. Basso is available for Speakers Bureau events in surrounding counties.

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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"Upcoming Events"

- March 31 2011
Madison County
EMA/CSEPP
Tour.
- April 14, 2011
EKU Forensic
Science
Program Tour

