

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Joseph F. Calcara
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
Installations and Environment
Washington, D.C. 20310-0110

Dear Deputy Assistant Secretary Calcara:

We are writing to express our support for the Pueblo Depot Activity Development Authority. As such, we would greatly appreciate your providing a response to their request to clarify the status of the Pueblo Chemical Depot. The Development Authority has indicated that if the depot is determined to be a BRAC installation then BRAC real estate laws and procedures will guide the future disposal of excess and surplus property (if any). Furthermore, the legitimacy of the Pueblo Depot Activity Development Authority will be affirmed as will it's standing to promote the reuse of the Pueblo Chemical Depot.

Our offices have been informed that jobs associated with the Depot range from 1,100 to 1,500 workers at any given time. Within the next five years, the Pueblo Chemical Depot is scheduled to complete our treaty obligations and dispose of the stockpile of chemical weapons. By providing a written clarification on the status of the Pueblo Chemical Depot, the Army would help to provide the certainty necessary for the Development Authority and potential businesses as they move forward in hopes to offset the large economic and employment losses that will be associated with this closure.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider our comments and our request for clarification of the status of the BRAC decision. We sincerely appreciate your service to the nation and the Army, and look forward to resolving this issue as quickly as possible.

Respectfully,



Mark Udall
United States Senator



Scott Tipton
Member of Congress