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News Release

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Huntsville, Ala.-- The U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, will host a delegation of defense officials from the Russian Federation July 10-14.

The dozen military officers and Ministry of Defense officials will meet with experts from the Corps of Engineers' Huntsville Center and other American representatives to discuss the status of efforts to dispose of Russia's chemical weapons stockpile under America's Cooperative Threat Reduction Program.

The Huntsville Center is assisting the Russian Federation in the design and construction of a facility that will safely destroy the deadly Cold War legacy of toxic chemical weapons.

On Tuesday, Mayor Loretta Spencer will welcome the delegation to Huntsville and sign a proclamation in honor of the effort to destroy these weapons. On Wednesday and Thursday, the delegation will visit the chemical agent disposal facility under construction at Anniston Army Depot, Ala.

The Corps of Engineers' Huntsville Center is internationally recognized for its expertise in the design and construction of facilities necessary to destroy chemical weapons. Currently, the Huntsville Center is managing the design, construction, equipment acquisition and equipment installation for five chemical agent disposal facilities in the United States: Aberdeen, Md. (neutralization); Anniston, Ala. (incineration); Newport, Ind. (neutralization); Pine Bluff, Ark. (incineration); and Umatilla, Ore. (incineration).

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Media Opportunity: The Corps of Engineers, in conjunction with Mayor's Office of the City of Huntsville, welcome news media to the proclamation signing in the city council chambers Tuesday afternoon (July 11) at 4:30 p.m. and to an opportunity to interview a project manager from the Huntsville Center and a representative of the Russian Federation delegation following the proclamation.

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