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Allegheny County native new project manager at Blue Grass Army Depot



Joe Curcio.

RICHMOND, Ky. — Joe Curcio, a native of Belfast, N.Y., is the new project manager for the Bechtel Parsons team at the Blue Grass Army Depot, where the U.S. military stores conventional and chemical munitions.

Curcio's duties include leading the joint venture systems contractor team responsible for the design, construction, testing, operations and closure of the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant, or BGAPP. He previously served as deputy project manager at BGCAPP from 2019 until being selected as project manager in March.

Prior to working at BGCAPP, Curcio has worked at high-hazard nuclear facilities. His nuclear experience includes project management responsibilities at Savannah River, South Carolina; Hanford Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant and Washington Closure Hanford in Washington state; the Separations Process Recovery Unit in New York; and the [West Valley Demonstration Project](#) in Cattaraugus County, N.Y.

Curcio has more than 28 years of experience in project management and operations of large-scale nuclear and chemical weapons sites and capital projects within the Department of Energy, the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Environmental Management organizations, in addition to Department of Defense projects. He is a certified project manager and began his career in 1994 in nuclear operations after completing the naval nuclear power program, serving in the U.S. Navy, and graduating with a Bachelor of Science from Houghton University.

Curcio grew up in Belfast, where he graduated from high school in 1984. He formerly served as the town supervisor of Belfast and the Belfast Lions Club named him Citizen of the Year in 2022.