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PARSONS AIDS IN SYRIAN CHEMICAL AGENT DESTRUCTION

PASADENA, CA (September 15, 2014) – Parsons is pleased to announce its contribution to the successful completion of the destruction of Syria's declared stockpile of lethal chemical agents. The project was executed under the Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Program and financed by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). Sea-based operations were conducted under the control of the U.S. Navy Europe (NAVEUR), and the destruction was subject to verification by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

With DTRA serving as the lead CTR agency for the United States, Parsons was awarded a prime contract under [CTRIC II](#) to support the removal of chemical agents from Syria, prepare the U.S. ship MV Cape Ray for destruction operations, and assist with neutralizing—at sea—the most dangerous chemical agents in Syria's stockpile. Parsons augmented the U.S. Government Operations team from the Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center using field deployable hydrolysis systems. Parsons' team also provided dedicated air logistics and procurement support and assisted in the demobilization and disposition of the equipment and materials after project completion.

Successful elimination of a 600-ton cache of chemical agents aboard the Cape Ray was announced by the U.S. government on August 18—several weeks ahead of schedule. In a statement issued the same day, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel congratulated the Cape Ray crew on finishing its unprecedented work—despite a very long deployment and a complex operation that required careful coordination among stakeholders. He commended the crew for performing flawlessly every step of the way, with strict adherence to safety and with no impact to the surrounding environment, and said that they had made an important and enduring contribution to global security.

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"Parsons takes great pride in being a part of this significant U.S. government program and in assisting the international community in meeting the goal of removing these dangerous chemicals from Syria and disposing of them in full compliance with the requirements of the Chemical Weapons Convention," stated Mary Ann Hopkins, Parsons Group President. "It is a top priority of Parsons to support the CTR Program's mission to make the world safer by reducing the threat of weapons of mass destruction."

Parsons has successfully executed projects under the CTR Program over the past 17 years, including projects in Russia, Armenia, Jordan, and most recently in [Libya](#).

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