

UMCDF upgrading hand-held radio system

The Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) is adding three frequencies to its existing "trunked" radio system. The work, requested by the Umatilla Chemical Depot, will increase the radio capacity four fold. This improvement will be most noticeable during exercises and other times of peak radio usage.



Gary Bloom of Wheeler's Communications in The Dalles, Ore., installs an antenna for three additional frequencies that will be added to UMCDF's hand-held radio system at the end of February.

Roses for life ... and love



The UMCDF's Relay for Life team annually sells roses around Valentine's Day to raise money for the American Cancer Society (ACS) and provide at least one gift for someone's sweetheart. Along with the roses, the team holds a bake sale as an additional fund raiser. The "Demil Dragons," as the team is called, is very active in raising funds for the ACS, primarily through its involvement in the annual Relay For Life event, held each spring.



UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 586 days (more than 2.6 million work hours) since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Feb. 7 - 13, 2008)

Total number of VX-filled rockets destroyed this period	
Total VX-filled rockets destroyed to date	14,519
Percentage of VX rockets destroyed to date	100
Total number of VX-filled spray tanks destroyed this period	
Total VX-filled spray tanks destroyed	156
Percentage of VX-filled spray tanks destroyed	100
Pounds of VX agent destroyed this period	11,307
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	363,641
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers	170,219
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date (stockpile only)	1,192.37
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	32.08

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- Jan. 23, 2008: Completed VX rocket campaign.
- Dec. 24, 2007: Completed VX spray tank campaign.
- Nov. 26, 2007: Processed the non-stockpile VX ton container.
- Nov. 23, 2007: Destroyed the first VX spray tanks in the MPF.
- Nov. 19, 2007: First VX spray tank transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- Nov. 9, 2007: First VX chemical agent destroyed in the Liquid Incinerator (LIC).
- Oct. 29, 2007: Processed the first VX M55 rockets in the Deactivation Furnace System (DFS).
- Oct. 26, 2007: First VX M55 rockets transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- July 8, 2007: Completed GB munitions campaign.

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