

New display recognizes toxic area entrants



There's a new display in one of the buildings at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF). It's an Entry Recognition board intended to acknowledge employees who have made a significant number of Demilitarization Protective Ensemble (DPE) entries.

The display is a token of appreciation to all those who make entries, which form the backbone of the demilitarization operation. It also provides recognition of the hard work and dedication of those who make and support entries, and the commitment to make them safely.

There are four categories for entrants who have surpassed 25, 50, 100, and 200 entries. No one at UMCDF has conducted 200 entries yet, but two employees — Chris Thompson and Mike Morehead — are close to reaching that milestone.

The board will be updated every month or two, adding and moving names to the different categories.



DPE entrants conduct a variety of tasks while in their "space suits," including collecting samples.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,174 days, or more than 5 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Sept. 17 - 23, 2009)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	2
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	147
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	5.6
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	0
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	52
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	1,336
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	255,209
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	3,021,391
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	218,124
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,505.46
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	40.5

**Recipient ton containers are byproducts of mustard disposal and were not a part of the original stockpile.*

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- June 11, 2009:** Began first HD ton container destruction in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).
- June 4, 2009:** First HD ton containers transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- Nov. 5, 2008:** Completed VX munitions campaign.
- Oct. 26, 2007:** Began VX munitions campaign.
- July 8, 2007:** Completed GB munitions campaign.
- Sept. 7, 2004:** Began GB munitions campaign.

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