

Metal Parts Furnace down for annual work

Mustard ton container processing was on hold this week at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) for maintenance activities in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).

The annual outage began on Oct. 1. It is scheduled to last two weeks and includes maintenance on burners, the afterburner and discharge airlock.

Every year, each furnace, including the two Liquid Incinerators (LICs) are shut down for inspections and maintenance.



The MPF shows wear and tear after a year's worth of processing. The furnace was shut down earlier this week to conduct an annual two-week outage for maintenance.

Federal employees barred from texting while driving

Federal employees, including contractors, will not be allowed to text while driving, according to an executive order signed last week by President Obama.

The order covers federal employees when they are using government-provided cars or cell phones and when they are using their own phones and cars to conduct government business.

Ray H. LaHood, the transportation secretary, announced those and several other measures on Thursday, aimed at curbing what he called a deadly epidemic of distracted driving.

A spokeswoman for the Transportation Department said the order took effect immediately and involved 4.5 million federal employees, including military personnel.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,188 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 (Oct. 1 - 7, 2009)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	0
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	151
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	5.7
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	0
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	256,347
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	3,022,529
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	218,128
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,506.03
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	40.51

**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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