

Important evaluations coming soon to depot

The Umatilla Chemical Depot and Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDR) will undergo a couple critical evaluations in the next several weeks.

Beginning next week, staff from the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) will be on the installation to conduct a Site Assistance Visit (SAV). The intent of the SAV, conducted at the request of the depot commander, is to provide an independent review and assessment of all or a portion of the chemical surety program, and to provide assistance in interpreting surety requirements and correcting problem areas.

In April, the Department of the Army Inspector General (DAIG) will be on the installation to conduct a Chemical Surety Inspection (CSI). This may be the final CSI for the depot and demil project before the end of operations.

DEQ approves additional shakedown hours

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Tuesday approved an additional 370 hours for shakedown in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF). Shakedown refers to a process in which the furnace is tested under certain operating conditions and then adjusted to improve efficiency. The shakedown is part of preparations for the Agent Trial Burn (ATB), which is tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-March.



Despite Punxatawney Phil seeing his shadow on Groundhog Day Tuesday, signifying another six weeks of winter, Mother Nature offered a glimmer of hope for spring Wednesday with streaming rays of sunshine through a dark overcast.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,307 days, or more than 6 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDR (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Jan. 28 - Feb. 3, 2010)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	19
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	182
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	6.9
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	13
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	72
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	25,844
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	306,991
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	3,073,173
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	218,159
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,531.36
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	41.19

*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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