



## UMCDF praised for performance improvement

The Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility's (UMCDF's) strong performance since April has drawn praise from top management in URS and a superior overall performance rating from the Army.

Mark Evans, president of Washington Demilitarization Company (WDC) for URS, reported that congratulations have been received from the highest levels of the company, including a highly complimentary phone call from Martin Koffel, chairman and chief executive officer of URS.

"Mr. Koffel stated that while he spends most of his time dealing with the strategic end of the business, it is execution at the end of the day which decides our success or our lack of success – and he said that this was a demonstration of world-class execution," Evans said of the conversation. "He said he wanted us to know that his comments reflected not only his opinion but that of the board of directors."

Evans added that in his 25 years in chemical demilitarization, that "had to be one of the most pleasant telephone calls I have had." It means the work of UMCDF employees is being noticed and is appreciated, he said.

Several other URS leaders added their congratulations. Guy Stevenson, General Manager of Global Security Group, told Evans that the performance of UMCDF drew a standing ovation at the recent Global Security Group staff meeting. Randy Wotring, Federal Services president, told Evans, "Extremely well done by all involved!"

The praise for UMCDF comes on the heels of notification from Col. Robert Billington, Project Manager for Chemical Stockpile Elimination for the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency, that UMCDF received an overall superior performance rating of 96 for the second half of fiscal year 2010. UMCDF demonstrated "the importance of safe, compliant mission execution while remaining cognizant of project costs," Col. Billington said.

Col. Billington wrote that UMCDF recovered from an unplanned pause in processing to complete "a critical Agent Trial Burn and Comprehensive Performance Test," followed by authorization from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to operate the plant at 50 percent and subsequently 75 percent feed rates. UMCDF is now on the verge of gaining approval to move to 100 percent feed rates.

"Recovery actions and subsequent steady processing were scrutinized during this evaluation period," Col. Billington noted, adding that UMCDF also "achieved seven million job-hours without a lost work time accident, improved relations among DEQ, government and stakeholders, earned positive Department of the Army Inspector General inspection comments, and recovered operational schedule to within the Chemical Weapons Convention deadline."

## UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,615 days, or more than 7.6 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

### Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Dec. 2 - 8, 2010)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	32
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	1,109
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	42.1
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	14
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	378
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	69,893
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	1,967,063
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	5,347,719
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	218,969
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	2,361.39
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	63.52

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

## UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- **June 27, 2010:** Completed mustard Agent Trial Burn for Metal Parts Furnace (MPF) and Liquid Incinerators (LICs).
- **June 11, 2009:** Began first HD ton container destruction in the 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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