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Umatilla Chemical Agent Depot destroys 75 percent of mustard ton containers

UMATILLA CHEMICAL AGENT DISPOSAL FACILITY, Oregon – Today, July 5, 2011, the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility destroyed its 1,976th mustard agent filled ton container, leaving 659 TCs remaining in inventory. This represents destruction of 75 percent of the HD mustard ton containers in the Umatilla Chemical Depot chemical stockpile.

“75 percent of our inventory has been destroyed while accruing more than 8 million man hours without a lost-time accident,” Gary Anderson, UMCDF Site Project Manager, said. “Our workers demonstrate around the clock their professionalism, attention to detail and ability to deliver as we transition toward the closure of the chemical mission here at Umatilla.”

UMCDF has been steadily destroying chemical agents since the plant became operational in 2004. About 1,150 workers at the Depot are involved in storage, security and destruction of chemical agents.

“This is another significant milestone that shows the dedication, hard work and commitment to safe and compliant operation throughout the UMCDF and UMCD workforce,” said Bob Dikeman, URS plant manager. “Congratulations to all!”

UMCDF is in its 13th and final campaign of destroying chemical agent and anticipates destroying the last mustard agent in November.

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