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UMCDF receives renewed hazardous waste permit from Oregon DEQ

On Sept. 20, The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality renewed the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Hazardous Waste Permit for the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, Hermiston, Ore.

The renewal of the permit followed several months of review and negotiation between the UMCDF and the ODEQ to ensure the renewal would not adversely impact completion of the chemical demilitarization mission. The initial RCRA permit was issued in February 1997 for a 10-year term.

UMCDF submitted an application to renew the permit in 2006. It was accepted and considered complete by the Oregon DEQ which allowed UMCDF to continue to operate until the DEQ took action on the renewal permit.

The renewal permit sustains the demilitarization mission to destroy the last chemical agents at UMCDF and close the facility. The last mustard agent is expected to be destroyed in November.

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