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Media Advisory: Brief Ceremony for Last EONC Delivery

UMATILLA CHEMICAL DEPOT, Hermiston, Ore. – The Umatilla Chemical Depot will hold a brief ceremony Oct. 20 at 9 a.m., for employees and invited local and state officials in recognition of the last shipment of chemical weapons to the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF). For security and safety reasons, the public is not invited.

The Enhanced Onsite Container (EONC) that will be used to transport the last HD mustard ton containers will be the focus of the recognition ceremony. Following the brief event, the EONC will be transported to the chemical storage site for removal of the last of the depot's chemical weapons and delivery to the incineration facility. Final disposal of the munitions will occur at the UMCDF.

Media representatives planning to attend should contact the depot public affairs office by Thursday, Oct. 13, at (541) 564-5418/5312.

Chemical weapons were brought to the depot in 1962 and have been in storage since that time.

This final shipment of chemical weapons will occur 70 years after the depot's formation on Oct. 14, 1941. The depot received its first conventional weapons on Oct. 27, 1941, two months before the U.S. entered World War II. All of the conventional weapons were shipped from the depot in 1994.

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