

New CMA leadership seeks continued success



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Participants in the change of responsibility ceremony at the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency stand at attention during the National Anthem. From left are Michael Parker, former CMA director; Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command; Dale Ormond, CMA acting director; and Dean Popps, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisitions, Logistics and Technology.

The past, present and future were the focus at the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) Tuesday, as the agency's leadership changed hands.

Gen. Benjamin Griffin, commanding general of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, presided over the change of responsibility ceremony, during which Dale Ormond was named acting director of CMA, replacing Michael Parker.

"Without a doubt, CMA's accomplishments under Mike Parker have made the world a safer place," Griffin said, recognizing the agency's destruction of 42 percent of the U.S. unitary and binary chemical weapons agent tonnage. "Nothing is more critical than what CMA does."

To Ormond, Griffin offered encouragement to "build upon what Mike has established here."

Parker, who has led CMA since the agency's inception in February 2003, also has been the Program Manager Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives since December 1996. He will continue to serve as PM ACWA.

While acting as CMA director, Ormond will continue to serve as deputy assistant secretary of the Army (Elimination of Chemical Weapons), providing executive level policy and oversight of Chemical Demilitarization Program projects for the assistant secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology)/Army acquisition executive.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 194 days since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).
- Completed two 90-percent shakedown runs in preparation for the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF) secondary waste trial burn, scheduled to begin on Jan. 25.
- Continued maintenance and systemization of equipment in preparation for the 155mm GB projectile campaign.

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing

(Jan. 11 - 17, 2007)

Total number 8-inch GB-filled projectiles processed this period	
Total number 8-inch GB-filled projectiles processed to date	CAMPAIGN COMPLETE
Percentage of total GB projectiles processed to date	
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 8, 2004)	108,137
Total pounds of GB chemical agent destroyed this period	0
Nominal tons of GB chemical agent destroyed to date	859.94
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	23.13

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- **Jan. 3, 2007:** Completed the GB 8-inch projectile campaign.
- **Nov. 30, 2006:** Depot Chemical Operations delivered the 4,000th Enhanced Onsite Container (EONC) to the disposal facility.
- **Nov. 6, 2006:** Processed the 100,000th munition stockpiled at Umatilla.
- **Nov. 5, 2006:** Surpassed 800 tons of chemical agent destroyed.
- **Sept. 28, 2006:** Began GB M426 8-inch projectile campaign.
- **Aug. 9, 2006:** Completed GB M55 rocket campaign.

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