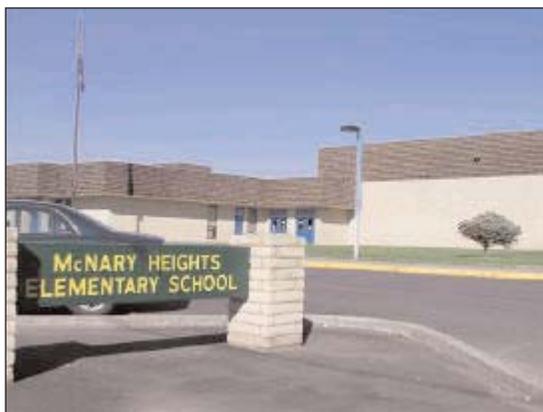


Area schools participate in CSEPP exercise today



McNary Heights Elementary School in Umatilla, Ore., was one of several schools that practiced emergency plans today.

Earlier this morning, all schools located in the Immediate Response Zone (IRZ), a nine-mile radius surrounding the Umatilla Chemical Depot, tested their ability to respond to a chemical accident/incident involving the depot. The purpose of this exercise was to test the schools' Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) plans. Some schools sheltered in place while others evacuated on buses permanently located at their schools.

CSEPP has been working closely with schools since its inception, and recently intensified its efforts to better prepare schools for all-hazards emergency preparedness, not specifically for chemical emergencies. Schools must ensure their ability to respond to emergencies from intruders to bomb-threats to suicide attempts.

The exercise lasted approximately one hour. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC), located in Pendleton, Ore., was activated to "play" during the exercise to include a school bus dispatcher. Each school was evaluated based on set criteria and were given their report following the drill. If any deficiencies were noted, schools will take corrective action.

The annual full-scale CSEPP exercise is scheduled for May 22 but will occur in the evening after school is out; that is why schools conducted their drill today.

Anyone with questions about the exercise can contact Maureen Roxbury with CSEPP at (541) 256-0118 or Casey White with Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District at (541) 966-3115.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 278 days since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).
- GB 155mm projectile processing reached the 40-percent completion mark on April 9.
- GB agent destruction reached the 90-percent mark during processing on April 5. The percentage includes the amount from four non-stockpile ton containers.

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (April 5 - 11, 2007)

Total number GB-filled 155mm projectiles processed this period	2,704
Total number GB-filled 155mm projectiles processed to date	19,484
Percentage of total GB projectiles processed to date	55.3
Total munitions destroyed to date, including four non-stockpile GB ton containers, since start of operations (Sept. 8, 2004)	127,621
Total pounds of GB chemical agent destroyed this period	18,340
Nominal tons of GB chemical agent destroyed to date	923.26
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	24.84

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- **Feb. 1, 2007:** Processed the first GB 155mm projectiles through the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).
- **Jan. 25, 2007:** Began the GB 155mm projectile campaign with delivery of munitions from depot storage to the disposal facility.
- **Jan. 3, 2007:** Completed the GB 8-inch projectile campaign.
- **Nov. 6, 2006:** Processed the 100,000th munition stockpiled at Umatilla.
- **Sept. 28, 2006:** Began GB M426 8-inch projectile campaign.
- **Aug. 9, 2006:** Completed GB M55 rocket campaign.

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