

UMCDF named 2006 Project of the Year



The Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) last week was announced as the winner of Washington Group International's 2006 Project of the Year for its Defense Business Unit. The recognition came at the conclusion of the company's competitive Lion Awards, presented annually in a number of categories across the various Washington Group business units.

The facility won the award primarily on the strength of its safety record. In 2006 the site attained "Star" Status in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Program (VPP), implemented Hazard Recognition Training through its Safety Management and Recognition Team (SMART), and finished the year with a Rolling Recordable Injury Rate (RIR) of 1.1 per 200,000 hours worked.

Other considerations that factored into the award included training initiatives, particularly in the area of environmental compliance, and overcoming significant challenges such as the numerous fires that occurred during GB rocket processing, and "leaker" munitions processing.

Also, three UMCDF employees received Lion Awards for their involvement in team projects. Sarah Evans, an environmental specialist, received a Team Award for Employee Development as part of the Human Performance Initiative Supervisory Influence Team. Christy Hood and Peggy Zipperer of the Project Controls Department won a Team Award for Support Services/ Administration as part of the Chemical Demilitarization Metrics Team.

To demonstrate how competitive the Lion Awards are, the UMCDF submitted about 15 nominations in nearly all of the 10 categories.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 313 days since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).
- Processed 523 GB 155mm projectiles on May 14 and 576 on May 16. The days represent the 13th and 14th times the facility has processed 500 or more "projos" in one day.
- Preparations are continuing for processing "leaker" projos. Operators began "practicing" the procedure today.

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (May 10 - 16, 2007)

Total number GB-filled 155mm projectiles processed this period	2,646
Total number GB-filled projectiles processed to date	45,506
Percentage of total GB projectiles processed to date	73.8
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 8, 2004)	139,393
Total pounds of GB chemical agent destroyed this period	16,052
Nominal tons of GB chemical agent destroyed to date	961.53
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	25.87

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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