

Practicing for what will hopefully never happen

The UMCD, Umatilla Chemical Depot and several off-post organizations participated in the annual full-scale Chemical Stockpile Preparedness Program (CSEPP) exercise Tuesday night.

The accident scenario involved the explosion of several VX land mines with two fatalities. It also included an off-post bus accident near Irrigon. The exercise ended shortly before 11 p.m.

Every year, CSEPP conducts a full-scale drill that involves first responders from communities surrounding the depot, emergency organizations like the Red Cross, and various levels of government.

The exercise is also evaluated to identify areas of improvement. Following a "hot wash" where preliminary assessment will be discussed, observers will issue a full report in a few weeks.



Above: Workers in the depot Operations Center receive updates on the status of simulated casualties and munitions during the annual full-scale CSEPP exercise May 22. Below: Depot Commander Lt. Col. Donna Rutten listens to a status update under an evaluator's watchful eye.



UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 320 days since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCD (July 7, 2006).
- Reached the 70 percent milestone for total GB projectiles processed on May 22.

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (May 17 - 23, 2007)

Total number GB-filled 155mm projectiles processed this period	2,832
Total number GB 155mm projectiles processed to date	33,792
Total number GB projectiles processed to date	48,038
Percentage of total GB projectiles processed to date	77.9
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 8, 2004)	141,445
Total pounds of GB chemical agent destroyed this period	16,724
Nominal tons of GB chemical agent destroyed to date	969.76
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	26.09

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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