

Advisory firm recommends proposed merger

Washington Group International, the contractor that operates the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF), announced Wednesday that Glass Lewis, a leading independent proxy advisory firm, recommended that Washington Group stockholders vote in favor of the proposed acquisition of Washington Group by URS Corporation. The votes of Washington Group stockholders will be counted at the company's Oct. 30 Special Meeting of Stockholders.



Stephen Hanks

"We are very pleased that Glass Lewis affirmed the unanimous recommendation of Washington Group's Board of Directors," said Stephen G. Hanks, president and chief executive officer of Washington Group. "Our Board of Directors continues to believe that the combination of Washington Group and URS represents a unique opportunity to create a single-source provider that can offer a full life cycle of planning, engineering, construction, environmental management, and operations and maintenance services."

Stockholders of record as of the close of business on Sept. 21, 2007, will be entitled to vote on the proposed merger, which was announced on May 28.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 467 days since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Oct. 11 - 17, 2007)

GB CAMPAIGN COMPLETE	

CURRENTLY IN	
CHANGEOVER FOR	
VX CAMPAIGN	
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 8, 2004)	155,539
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,014.01
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	27.28

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- July 8, 2007:** Final GB 155mm projectile processed through the MPF — GB campaign complete.
- July 3, 2007:** Final shipment of GB munitions from depot storage to disposal facility.
- June 27, 2007:** Reached 1,000 nominal agent tons destroyed.
- April 15, 2007:** Reached 25 percent of total agent tons destroyed.
- 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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UMCDF lab employee killed in auto accident

A UMCDF employee died Friday morning after his vehicle rolled over while driving northbound on Highway 395, north of Pilot Rock, Ore.

Harland Vanderpool, 52, an air monitoring technician, was rushed to St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton, but died shortly after his arrival.

According to the Oregon State Police, Vanderpool's vehicle crossed the center line and the driver lost control, hit the guard rail and slid across both lanes of traffic before flipping over. Vanderpool, who was not wearing a seat belt, was ejected.

The OSP is investigating the accident.

Southwest Research Institute, the contractor that operates the lab, has provided grief counseling to its employees.