

## Army announces 50% milestone

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. - On Dec. 10, the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) announced the safe destruction of 50 percent of the United States' chemical agent stockpile since the April 29, 1997 entry into force of the Chemical Weapons Convention, accomplishing yet another landmark in its chemical demilitarization program.

"Last June, we met the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) 45 percent destruction milestone of the agent that was in the U.S. stockpile when the treaty entered into force in 1997 for the United States," said CMA Acting Director Dale Ormond. "Reaching the 50 percent agent destruction mark shows that the Army's chemical weapons demilitarization program has truly hit its stride in destroying chemical agent safely and efficiently."



*The resident pronghorn herd at the Umatilla Chemical Depot stopped near the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Wednesday to snack on some frosty weeds.*

## UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 523 days since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

### Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Dec. 6-12, 2007)

Total number of VX-filled rockets destroyed this period	1,339
Total VX-filled rockets destroyed to date	4,974
Percentage of VX rockets destroyed to date	34.2
Total number of VX-filled spray tanks destroyed this period	23
Total VX-filled spray tanks destroyed to date	71
Percentage of VX-filled spray tanks destroyed to date	45.5
Pounds of VX agent destroyed this period	29,881
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	134,099
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004)	160,589
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,081.04
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	29.08

### UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- **Nov. 25-26, 2007:** Processed the non-stockpile VX ton container (punched and drained on Nov. 25, thermally decontaminated in the Metal Parts Furnace [MPF] on Nov. 26).
- **Nov. 23, 2007:** Destroyed the first VX spray tanks in the MPF.
- **Nov. 19, 2007:** First VX spray tank transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- **Nov. 9, 2007:** First VX chemical agent destroyed in the Liquid Incinerator (LIC).
- **Oct. 29, 2007:** Processed the first VX M55 rockets in the Deactivation Furnace System (DFS).
- **Oct. 26, 2007:** First VX M55 rockets transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- **July 8, 2007:** Completed GB munitions campaign.

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