



U.S. ARMY CHEMICAL MATERIALS AGENCY

# WEEKLY UPDATE

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## UMATILLA CHEMICAL DEPOT

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### UMCDF provides grants to 20 local teachers



Steve Barker, right, of the UMCDF Surety Department, and a member of the Community Partnership Committee, poses with Stanfield Secondary School math teacher Blaine Braithwaite after an Education Grant presentation.

The Washington Defense Group has provided a \$10,000 boost to area math, science and technology teachers. The UMCDF Community Partnership Committee recently awarded \$500 Education Grants to 20 teachers in the four school districts adjacent to the Umatilla Chemical Depot.

"The teachers who receive grants are very grateful for the help and use the money for equipment, supplies and activities they couldn't afford otherwise," said UMCDF Protocol Manager Hal McCune, the committee coordinator.

Grants were awarded to teachers in the Hermiston, Stanfield, Umatilla and Irrigon school districts. Among the wide variety of plans for the grants, the money will support after-school science clubs and robotics teams, help create a greenhouse, provide supplies for a forensic science class, and improve technology through the purchase of digital cameras, GPS equipment, Math Shark units and accounting software.

The grants were awarded to the following teachers:

- Stanfield: Elementary - Buz Olson and Dorcie Tracy; Secondary - Blaine Braithwaite.
- Umatilla: McNary Heights Elementary - Tim Young, Dani Forshee, Pam Cody and Rebecca Puhl; Clara Brownell Middle School - Bob Mansfield; High School - Jerry McMichael, Keith Gebers and Tarna Armstrong Millsap.
- Hermiston: Sunset Elementary - Michelle Owens and Jackie Whitesell; Desert View Elementary - Dana Hill; Armand Larive Middle School - Sandra Rice; Sandstone Middle School - Robert Smith, Vecie Grant and BJ Roberts.
- Irrigon: Elementary - Rachel Luke and Fred Long; Junior-Senior High School - Heather Miller and Charlene Baker.

### UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 593 days (more than 2.6 million work hours) since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

### Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Feb. 14 - 20, 2008)

Total number of VX-filled rockets destroyed this period	
Total VX-filled rockets destroyed to date	14,519
Percentage of VX rockets destroyed to date	100
Total number of VX-filled spray tanks destroyed this period	
Total VX-filled spray tanks destroyed	156
Percentage of VX-filled spray tanks destroyed	100
Pounds of VX agent destroyed this period	11,307
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	363,641
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers	170,219
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date (stockpile only)	1,192.37
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	32.08

### UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- Jan. 23, 2008: Completed VX rocket campaign.
- Dec. 24, 2007: Completed VX spray tank campaign.
- Nov. 26, 2007: Processed the non-stockpile VX ton container.
- 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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