

Army selects new Site Project Manager

The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) has selected Mike Strong as its new site project manager for the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF). Strong served as the UMCDF deputy site project manager for compliance since 2004.



Mike Strong

He succeeds Don Barclay, who was recently named deputy director at CMA headquarters in Maryland.

"Mike Strong brings a wealth of experience in chemical weapons disposal and environmental protection to this position," said Conrad Whyne, CMA director. "We built a very strong team at Umatilla, and Mike's played a key role in that team's outstanding success."

"He'll continue our longstanding and excellent partnership with the off-post community and our local leadership," said Lt. Col. Bob Stein, Umatilla Chemical Depot (UMCD) commander. "Mike's already worked closely with many officials and his appointment will ensure continuity and credibility within the project's leadership, enhancing the community's trust in our ability to get the job done safely."

The site project manager leads the Army Field Office, which is responsible for overseeing the efforts of Washington Defense Group, URS EG&G Division, which built and operates UMCDF for the Army.

"I look forward to continuing my work with a great storage and disposal team, and to safely continuing our disposal mission," said Strong. "Protection of workers, community and environment remains our highest priority."

Before coming to UMCDF in 2001 to work for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) as the senior environmental permitting specialist, Strong spent four years at the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility in Utah, where he served as a principal environmental engineer for EG&G Defense Materials.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 607 days, or 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. 28 - March 5, 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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