

When is it gonna be Spring?



What you see in this picture is not dust specks or poor photo processing — it's snow. On Friday, March 28, the depot received a fairly heavy but brief snowstorm that left a slight accumulation in some areas (below). Although the white stuff turned to wet stuff after a few moments, it brought with it the reminder that, even though Spring was officially a week old, Mother Nature doesn't really adhere to a calendar.



Depot, disposal plant prepping for inspection

Both the Umatilla Chemical Depot and its associated chemical agent disposal facility (UMCDF) are gearing up for the annual Chemical Surety Inspection (CSI) beginning Monday, April 7. Army inspectors will be on the installation for two weeks, checking into everything from procedural compliance to housekeeping.

The CSI team will spend a week conducting interviews, observing operations and critiquing the overall business of the depot itself for one week; then, it will turn its attention to the disposal facility and perform the same tasks for a week.

Once the team has finished its duties, it will compile a preliminary report with any findings and recommended corrective actions. A complete report will be issued a few weeks later.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 635 days, or more than 2.8 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (March 27 - April 2, 2008)

Total number of VX-filled 155mm projectiles destroyed this period	2,014
Total VX projectiles destroyed to date	3,532
Percentage of VX projectiles destroyed to date	9.8
Pounds of VX agent destroyed this period	17,041
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	17,782
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	159,238
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,206.52
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	32.46

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- March 21, 2008:** Destroyed first VX 155mm projectile in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).
- March 20, 2008:** First VX 155mm projectiles transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- 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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