

Depot observes Women's Equality Day



Theresa Pihl of Blue Mountain Community College addresses UMCD/UMCDF workers at a Women's Equality Day commemoration event.

Women's Equality Day was commemorated Tuesday at the depot in a presentation to employees by Theresa Pihl, a history instructor from Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Ore.

Pihl presented a multi-faceted history of the colorful and conflict-ridden women's suffrage movement. She also explained how the Western United States played a key role in eventual passage of the amendment in part because there were fewer women in the West.

August 26 each year was first established as Women's Equality Day in 1971. It commemorates when the U.S. Secretary of State signed the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which guaranteed women the right to vote, into law on Aug. 26, 1920.

Laura Harriman of the depot Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) office arranged for Pihl's visit and presentation.

Cougar spotted on depot

The cougar which occasionally roams the depot was spotted Wednesday afternoon. It's the first time that the big cat, affectionately known as "Elvis," has been seen on the installation this year.

A CMA Field Office employee, on his way home from work around 5 p.m., saw the cougar heading in the general direction of the depot's administrative area. He estimated it at the size of a German Shepherd, or about 50-70 lbs, but said it did not appear to be an adult.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 782 days, or more than 3 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Aug. 21 - 27, 2008)

Total number of VX-filled 8-inch projectiles destroyed this period	
Total VX projectiles destroyed to date	36,065
Percentage of VX projectiles destroyed to date	100
Pounds of VX agent destroyed this period	0
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	610,193
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers	206,284
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,316.51
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	35.41

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- **Aug. 6, 2008:** Completed VX 8-inch projectile campaign.
- **July 16, 2008:** Processed first VX 8-inch projectile in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).
- **July 15, 2008:** First VX 8-inch projectiles transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- **June 27, 2008:** Completed VX 155mm projectile campaign.
- **March 21, 2008:** Destroyed first VX 155mm projectile in the 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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