



M23 land mines are placed on a conveyor in the Unpack area for transport into the plant, where they remain under engineering controls during processing.

Umatilla begins final nerve agent campaign

Umatilla Chemical Depot storage workers began delivering VX-filled land mines to the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) this morning. It marked the official start of the last of six individual VX munitions disposal campaigns at the depot, and the last nerve agent campaign for the depot and disposal site.

When the VX land mines are gone, there will be no more nerve agent of any type in the Oregon stockpile, which originally contained both VX and GB (sarin) filled munitions.

"We've safely and securely moved 5,876 loads of chemical weapons from storage to the disposal plant since we started doing so in 2004, and without accident or incident," said Lt. Col. Bob Stein, depot commander. "I thank a great team of dedicated workers for our mission success so far."

"This marks the beginning of the end of VX-filled munitions at the depot," said Mike Strong, the Army's site project manager at Umatilla. "We look forward to the time when Oregon's stockpile no longer contains any VX nerve agent."

The VX land mines campaign is the 12th individual munitions disposal campaign for the depot and disposal plant. It is expected to take about two and a half months to destroy the land mines. The plant will then begin a change over period to prepare to process bulk containers or "ton containers" of HD mustard blister agent, which will be the final campaign.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 810 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

(Sept. 18 - 24, 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) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	206,284
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,316.51
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	35.41

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- Sept. 25, 2008:** First mines transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- 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 to plant.

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