

### VX mine processing reaches halfway mark

The light at the end of the VX campaign tunnel is getting bigger and brighter as UMCDf passed another milestone this week. Mine processing passed the 50 percent destruction mark during operations on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

The mine campaign is the final one of the overall VX agent campaign. Once mines are finished, the plant will undergo a lengthy changeover in preparation for the final stage of the mission — destruction of HD mustard ton containers.

### Depot firefighters undergo annual physical assessment

Depot firefighters participated Monday in the start of the annual Department of Defense Firefighters Physical Assessment at the depot fire department.

Four firefighters wearing their 60-pound gear were timed in a series of physical trials including running with hoses, carrying and climbing ladders and carrying hoist equipment.



Depot firefighter Scott Conklin uses as much of his strength as possible to swing a sledgehammer into a pile of tires, simulating breaching a wall during the annual physical assessment at the depot fire department Monday.

### UMCDf Highlights

- It has been 838 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 (Oct. 16 - 22, 2008)

Total number of VX-filled land mines destroyed this period	2,474
Total VX land mines destroyed to date	6,225
Percentage of VX land mines destroyed to date	53.3
Pounds of VX agent destroyed this period	24,205
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	665,283
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers	212,509
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,349.19
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	36.28

#### UMCD/UMCDf Milestones

- Sept. 25, 2008:** First mines transported from depot storage to disposal plant; first mines destroyed in the Deactivation Furnace System (DFS).
- 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 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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