

### Public comment period extended for multi-agent monitoring during HD mustard campaign

The public comment period for a Class 2 permit modification proposing modifications to support the processing of multiagent-contaminated waste during the mustard (HD) campaign has been extended 30 days. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) extended the comment period because a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) assessment of the proposed chemical agent monitoring was not available during the initial comment period.

That document is now available for review during regular business hours at the DEQ regional office in Hermiston.

The proposed modification calls for installing infrastructure to support three-agent monitoring (GB, VX and HD) of the Munitions Demilitarization Building (MDB) carbon filter system as required by existing permit conditions. The infrastructure would support dual agent monitoring for HD and VX or HD and GB during the processing of non-carbon multiagent contaminated secondary waste.

A public hearing on the issue was held on Sept. 16, but the written comment period has been extended to Nov. 24 to allow for review of the CDC assessment. Comments should be submitted to Rich Duval, DEQ Eastern Region Office, 256 East Hurlburt, Suite 105, Hermiston, zip 97838. They can also be faxed to (541) 567-4741.

The UMCD/UMCDF point of contact is Kaylin Burnett at 564-7069.

### Home-grown safety display



*These three safety banners were designed by UMCD/UMCDF employees as part of a contest earlier this year. The banners, designed by Clint Shoemake, Jennifer Franks, Annette Conner and Brian Jennings, were hung on this building on site this week.*

### UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 845 days, or 3.8 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCD/UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

#### Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Oct. 23 - 29, 2008)

Total number of VX-filled land mines destroyed this period	2,676
Total VX land mines destroyed to date	8,901
Percentage of VX land mines destroyed to date	76.2
Pounds of VX agent destroyed this period	34,250
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	699,538
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	215,185
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,363.24
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	36.67

#### 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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