

Team Umatilla completes VX munitions campaign



Members of A-crew Operations and CMA Field Office Deputy Site Project Manager Wendell Wrzesinski (far right) pose with the last VX land mine in the depot's inventory prior to it being processed Wednesday, Nov. 5.

The Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) destroyed the last nerve agent munition in the Oregon Stockpile when the last of 11,685 land mines was processed through the Deactivation Furnace (DFS) at 2:58 p.m. yesterday. The campaign marked the end of VX and all nerve agent munitions in the state. The only chemical munitions now remaining at the Umatilla Chemical Depot (UMCD) are mustard (HD) bulk containers or "ton containers."

"The Army said we'd do it. We did it. And we did it safely," said Mike Strong, the Army's site project manager at UMCDF, commenting on the disposal of GB sarin and VX nerve agent that began in September of 2004. "We'll remain fully committed to safety as we prepare to dispose of the mustard ton containers."



Members of the surrounding communities joined members of Team Umatilla Tuesday to pose with the last container to transfer nerve agent before it entered a depot storage area to load the final shipment of VX land mines. Among the local dignitaries that helped celebrate the event were Hermiston Fire Chief Pat Hart, Morrow County CSEPP Public Information Officer Maureen Roxbury and Morrow County Commissioner Terry Tallman.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 852 days, or more than 3.9 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing

(Oct. 30 - Nov. 5, 2008)

Total number of VX-filled land mines destroyed this period	2,784
Total VX land mines destroyed to date	11,685
Percentage of VX land mines destroyed to date	100
Pounds of VX agent destroyed this period	27,869
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	727,406
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	217,969
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,377.86
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	37.07

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- **Nov. 5, 2008:** Last mines destroyed in the Deactivation Furnace System (DFS).
- **Nov. 4, 2008:** Last mines transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- **Sept. 25, 2008:** First mines transported from depot storage to disposal plant; first mines destroyed in the 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.

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