

Winter storm causes delayed work day



Several inches of snow fell on the Umatilla Chemical Depot during a cold front that moved through the region earlier in the week. In fact, the weather was so poor early on Monday that Lt. Col. Bob Stein, depot commander, called off work for those not involved with disposal plant operations until noon. Tuesday and Wednesday saw a reprieve from precipitation, but the snow was back *en force* today (above). More snow is expected intermittently throughout the region for the next several days.

Changeover continues



The Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) continues its changeover in preparation for the HD (mustard) agent campaign. Among the changeover activities include installation of a carbon filtration unit (above) for the HD ton container depressurization system. The VX campaign ended Nov. 5. Mustard agent processing could begin in spring or early summer 2009.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 894 days, or more than 4 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing

(Dec. 11 - 17, 2008)

Total number of VX-filled land mines destroyed this period	
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	0
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	734,262
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 VX mines destroyed in the Deactivation Furnace System (DFS).
- Nov. 4, 2008:** Last VX mines transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- Sept. 25, 2008:** First VX mines transported from depot storage to disposal plant and 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.
- July 8, 2007:** Completed GB munitions campaign.

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