



Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) Project General Manager Doug Hamrick (right) presents Ken Fiddes with an American flag recently retired from service at the UMCDF as recognition for his outstanding support to EPIT.

Flag goes to faithful supporter of EPIT

Ken Fiddes, assistant Property Administrator at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF), received an American flag last week courtesy of the site's Environmental Process Improvement Team (EPIT).

Fiddes was selected after being nominated for his support of EPIT, which strives to improve environmental education, awareness and compliance on the project. The nomination form indicated that "Ken has been an outstanding participating member of EPIT for several years."

Among the projects that he has been involved in include printing, laminating and posting EPIT compliance posters around the site. He researched and created new posters each month and took the time to move all the posters to different areas. Ken also has gone above and beyond to make sure the flags are prepared for the recipients. As soon as the flags are retired from service at the UMCDF, Ken takes them home, washes them, folds them and places them in display cases for presentation.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 942 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

(Jan. 28 - Feb. 3, 2009)

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. 8, 2008** – UMCDF surpasses 4 million hours without a lost-time injury
- **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.

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