

Annual full-scale emergency exercise is next Tuesday

The Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) and the Umatilla Chemical Depot will participate with county and state emergency management officials during an annual Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) drill next Tuesday, April 21.

The drill won't start until after 5 p.m. Morrow and Umatilla counties in Oregon will sound their public sirens and alert people of the drill through test exercise messages via tone alert radios and highway reader board messages. Emergency Alert System messages also will be supplied to local radio and television stations, and Highway advisory radio systems will be used.

The public will hear Westminster chimes in Umatilla and Morrow counties of Oregon and in Benton County, Wash., when the exercise begins. No schools will be involved in the drill. Out-of-sequence drills were conducted in Umatilla County schools last fall.

First responders in the CSEPP program will be involved in the evening drill.

The Joint Information Center (JIC) located at the Umatilla County Criminal Justice Building in Pendleton will be activated to respond to simulated public and media inquiries. Representatives of both the depot and UMCDF will respond to the JIC, and UMCDF also will support the Operations Center at the depot.

Evaluators will observe all aspects of the drill and provide their comments on how the performance of the exercise players could be improved.



The depot's Emergency Operations Center will be busy again on April 21 during the annual full-scale CSEPP emergency exercise.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,012 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

(April 8 - 14, 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. 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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