

Plant inspections part of daily life

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) inspections are part of everyday life at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF).

RCRA inspections are designed to detect equipment deterioration and prevent possible equipment malfunctions that could cause a release of hazardous wastes to the environment or pose a threat to human health. More than 16,000 RCRA inspections are completed each year at UMCDF. That's more than 1,300 per month!

RCRA inspections should accurately reflect the condition of equipment at the time an inspection is completed. Sometimes that means physically verifying operating conditions. Forms such as inspection sheets and operating logs are used to verify the inspections are done on time and according to requirements.



UMCDF's Education Grant Program helped fund Hermiston High School's Watershed Field Day May 20 at the McNary Ponds between the dam and Interstate 82. These students are identifying aquatic invertebrates and insects they've collected.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,047 days, or more than 4.8 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (May 13-20, 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

- **May 1, 2009:** Bob Dikeman replaced the retiring Doug Hamrick as UMCDF Project General Manager.
- **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 to plant.

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