

Field Office says good-bye to two long-time employees

Team Umatilla said good-bye to two long-time Field Office employees today.

George Nelson (Engineering) and Royce Benham (Project Controls) are leaving the project at the

end of the week. Nelson is retiring, but will take a position as a consultant at the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (TOCDF) in Utah, while Benham is moving into a position with a different company.

Thanks to both of them for their contribution and dedication to this project.



Royce Benham George Nelson

Depot detects 'leaker' during routine monitoring

Depot chemical operations monitoring workers detected trace amounts of HD mustard chemical agent vapor Tuesday inside a depot storage structure or "igloo" that houses bulk containers. The traces of mustard chemical agent vapor were detected during routine weekly monitoring. The vapor is likely due to a leaking bulk container.

There was no danger to the public or environment. The igloos have a passive filtration system that prevents chemical agent vapor from escaping outside the structures. As a further protective measure after each leak is discovered, a powered filtration system was installed on the igloo. The leaking containers will be identified, inspected, repaired as necessary, and decontaminated.

Depot officials routinely notify the public when such incidents occur. Army officials also notify off-post emergency operations centers in Umatilla and Morrow counties, Ore.; Benton County, Wash.; those in Oregon and Washington states; the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation; and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,083 days, or more than 5 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (June 17-24, 2009)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	9
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	11
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	0.42
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	9
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	11
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	3,734
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	4,751
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	2,760,471
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	217,978
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,380.24
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	37.13
<i>*Recipient ton containers are byproducts of mustard disposal and were not a part of the original stockpile.</i>	

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- **June 11, 2009:** Began first HD ton container destruction in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).
- **June 4, 2009:** First HD ton containers transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- **Nov. 5, 2008:** Completed VX munitions campaign.
- **Oct. 26, 2007:** Began VX munitions campaign.
- **July 8, 2007:** Completed GB munitions campaign.
- **Sept. 7, 2004:** Began GB munitions campaign.

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