

Outreach efforts include local fairs



Visitors to the Benton-Franklin County Fair in Kennewick, Wash., Aug. 25-29, also were given the opportunity to learn more about the Umatilla Chemical Depot and associate disposal facility. Here, a pair of fairgoers find out about the various levels of protective dress that chemical and toxic area workers wear in a display trailer provided by the depot.

Each year, the Umatilla Outreach Office provides information regarding the depot and UMCDf at three local fairs. Aside from the BFC fair, displays are provided at the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston, Ore., and the Morrow County Fair in Heppner, Ore., in early August.



Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, new vegetation begins to emerge from blackened depot land. These plants are sprouting in an area of the depot that burned in early August. So far this summer, the depot has been touched by a pair of wild fires. Potential for fire on the installation will remain until the weather both cools and moisturizes. Typically in this area, fire season isn't officially declared over until October.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,153 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 (Aug. 27 - Sept. 2, 2009)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	6
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	130
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	7.2
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	0
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	47
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	1,171
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	223,308
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD, and non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	2,989,490
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	218,107
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date <i>Does not include non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	1,489.51
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	40.07
<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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