

SMR declared a success

Last month, the depot and Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) underwent a Surety Management Review (SMR). It was the final SMR that the site will have to endure, and it appears as though this was the best one yet.

"A major inspection like the SMR cannot be successful without teamwork," said UMCDF Surety/Security Manager Jerry Lanphear. "The level of group effort, collaboration and partnership by each and every person was very evident in this SMR."

In previous SMRs, inspectors have noted a handful of deficiencies. But this SMR was different.

"Chemical Surety Inspections (CSIs) and SMRs are very rigorous inspections and a few deficiencies are pretty much a normal outcome," Lanphear explained. "However, never before has UMCDF completed a CSI or SMR with only one deficiency."

"The depot also performed very well and improved in all inspectable categories," said Bill Milbrodt, depot chief of staff.

UMCDF Project Manager Bob Dikeman also noted that inspectors were having a difficult time finding much wrong with the site.

"Throughout the review," he said, "the inspectors kept reporting they were getting 'bored' because they couldn't find issues. In this case, 'boring' is good. Thanks to the entire Umatilla team for an excellent SMR."

Annual depot picnic



Depot employees, retirees and their family members turned out for the annual depot picnic, held on Sept. 12 at Hat Rock State Park on the Oregon side of the Columbia River. Picnic organizers said about 150 people attended. A barbecue dinner was served, and games for children were provided.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,137 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 (Sept. 10 - 16, 2009)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	7
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	145
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	5.5
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	2
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	52
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	18,740
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	253,873
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	3,020,055
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	218,122
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,504.8
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	40.48

**Recipient ton containers are byproducts of mustard disposal and were not a part of the original stockpile.*

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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