

Depot to begin paving projects this week



The often hazardous "S-curve" will be widened as part of a depot-wide paving project that begins this week.

A contractor will begin paving several areas on the depot beginning Friday, Oct. 16.

"The plan is to start paving on the west side of the depot," said Ron Patterson, acting leader for depot Services Division.

Only major routes used by installation employees and security personnel will be improved.

Other work includes widening the S-curve and the road in a section of the depot where disposal plant workers would evacuate to in the event of an emergency.

The project is expected to be complete in about two weeks.

Request submitted for MPF DAL modifications

The Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility submitted a Permit Modification Request this week to add a water cooling spray system to the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF) Discharge Airlock (DAL). The modification will help speed cooling of HD ton containers which have been processed in the MPF. The request was submitted to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

A public comment period for this PMR began Oct. 13 and will end on Dec. 14, 2009.

A public information meeting on this PMR will be held at 6 p.m. on Nov. 24, 2009 in Conference Room 5 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

The DEQ also approved a Temporary Authorization Request to install, systemize, certify, and operate the system on Wednesday.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,195 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 (Oct. 8 - 14, 2009)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	0
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	151
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	5.7
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	0
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	52
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	0
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	256,347
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	3,022,529
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	218,128
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,506.03
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	40.51

**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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