

## Army secretary visits Umatilla, local area



*Carmen Spencer, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Elimination of Chemical Weapons, second from right, met with tribal, county and state officials last week at the Operations Center at the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR). To his left is Mike Strong, the Army's Site Project Manager at UMCDf. To his right is Dennis Legel, Department of the Army Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) director. Depot Commander Lt. Col. Kris Perkins is in uniform, far left.*

## DEQ extends ATB public comment period

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issued a notice Monday that the public comment period for Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility's (UMCDf's) permit modification request on its HD (Mustard) Agent Trial Burn (ATB) Plan has been extended one week. The comment period had been scheduled to end at 5 p.m. March 8, but it has been extended to 5 p.m. Monday, March 15.

The extension will likely delay by at least a week a DEQ decision on the ATB plan permit modification. The notice stated: "The DEQ anticipates its final decision will be made by April 2010, and will respond to the significant comments received during the comment periods." Based on its review, DEQ will make a final decision on whether to approve the permit modification as proposed, approve the modification with revisions, or to deny the modification request.

UMCDf is requesting to add the mustard ATB plan for the Liquid Incinerators (LICs) and the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF) and a set of supporting attachments common to both furnaces as Attachment D-18 to the UMCDf Hazardous Waste Permit Application.

## UMCDf Highlights

- It has been 1,342 days, or more than 6.2 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDf (July 7, 2006).

### Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (March 4 - 10, 2010)

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 <i>(total adjusted to correct mathematical error)</i>	221
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	8.4
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	7
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date <i>(total adjusted to correct mathematical error)</i>	129
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	3,842
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date <i>(total adjusted to correct mathematical error)</i>	367,232
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	3,133,414
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	218,204
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,561.48
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	42.0

*\*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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