



Public input sought on depot plan

Dividing up the Umatilla Chemical Depot into areas for open space plus industrial, commercial and military use as envisioned by the Local Reuse Authority is the preferred plan in a new draft study open for public comment.

The Local Reuse Authority, a board appointed by the governor, has received 16 requests from organizations interested in using the depot's land, buildings or surplus equipment.

The Land Reuse Authority has identified renewable energy production as the top redevelopment opportunity for depot land. Wind is at the margins of viability for power production there and the land would be suitable for solar energy development, according to the draft report.

The draft report also looked at more than 20 additional options suggested for the depot.

Telecommunications is being considered because the depot already can handle 1,000 phone lines and has expansion capabilities to 69,000 lines, the draft report said.

Because of the depot's location at the nexus between interstates 84 and 82 it's an ideal location for a transportation distribution center, the draft report said. Hermiston already serves as a Walmart distribution center.

The land has been suggested as the site of a fairgrounds to serve all of Eastern Oregon. Its 1,000 igloos, which maintain a temperature between 60 to 70 degrees throughout the year, have been suggested for long-term storage of records or other products.

Some short-term revenue might be gained by leasing some of the depot's 52 miles of railroad track for rail car storage. Rail companies have been looking for places to store extra rail cars in the current weak economy, the draft report said.

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Wind postpones drill

Because of high winds, an emergency response exercise scheduled for today (April 8) has been postponed. Exercise planners have not yet determined a new date, but the drill might not occur until June. The next scheduled exercise is the annual full-scale CSEPP drill on May 19.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,370 days, or more than 6.4 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing

(April 1 - 7, 2010)

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	229
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	8.7
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	0
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	133
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	0
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	378,992
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	3,145,174
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	218,212
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,567.36
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	42.16

*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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