



Area-wide emergency drill next week

The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) Exercise will be held on Wednesday, May 19. This annual exercise allows local, state and federal emergency response agencies to practice their response to a simulated event at the Umatilla Chemical Depot and to have that response effort federally evaluated.

This year's exercise will include participation from American Red Cross, Benton County Emergency Services, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Hermiston High School, Incident Command Post (Hermiston), Joint Information Center (Pendleton), Morrow County Emergency Management, Oregon Emergency Management, Oregon Health, Umatilla County Emergency Management, U.S. Army Umatilla Chemical Depot, and Washington Emergency Management Division.

The exercise will begin about 9 a.m. and run throughout the day.

The public in Umatilla, Morrow and southern Benton County will hear CSEPP Tone alert radios and sirens activate with a test message at the start of the drill.

Drivers along I-82 in southern Benton County and I-84 in Umatilla and Morrow counties will see highway reader boards and highway advisory radio systems activated with test messages.

Depot detects mustard leak

Trace amounts of HD mustard chemical agent vapor were detected today inside a storage structure or "igloo" that houses bulk containers. The leaking container will be identified, inspected, repaired as necessary, and decontaminated.

There is no danger to the public or environment. The igloos have a passive filtration system that prevents chemical agent vapor from escaping outside the structures.

Depot officials routinely notify the public when such incidents occur. Army officials also notify off-post emergency operations centers in Umatilla and Morrow counties, Ore.; Benton County, Wash.; those in Oregon and Washington states; the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation; and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,405 days, or more than 6.5 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (May 6 - 12, 2010)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	9
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	260
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	9.9
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	10
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	147
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	18,562
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	449,733
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	3,215,915
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	218,243
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,602.73
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	43.11

*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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