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UMATILLA CHEMICAL DEPOT

Jan. 20, 2011

New disposal facility lab manager named

Mickey D. McGuire has been appointed laboratory manager of Southwest Research Institute's (SwRI) Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF). He was previously laboratory manager of SwRI's Pine Bluff Chemical Agent Disposal Facility.



Southwest Research Institute, headquartered in San Antonio, has provided chemical agent and laboratory support in the past for chemical agent disposal facilities on Johnston Atoll in the Pacific and in Newport, Ind., and currently at the Umatilla Chemical Depot and the U.S. Army Pine Bluff Arsenal in Pine Bluff, Ark.

McGuire joined the SwRI staff in 1986 as a scientist stationed at the Johnston Atoll facility. He steadily rose through the ranks, and in 1998 became a laboratory department manager at SwRI's Umatilla facility. In 2003, he was named laboratory manager of the Pine Bluff facility, where he directed 111 administrative and technical staff members engaged in operating and maintaining chemical warfare agent monitoring systems with more than 300 monitoring stations.

McGuire has extensive experience in all phases of laboratory operations and regulations. In his new role as laboratory manager at Umatilla, McGuire will guide the activities of a staff of 134 concerned with chemical agent monitoring and analytical laboratory support of the UMCDF.

McGuire holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Sul Ross State University.

UMCDF maintenance supervisor killed

Jim Ramos, a mechanical maintenance supervisor at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF), died Sunday at Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, Wash., from injuries suffered in an ATV accident. A resident of Echo, Ore., Ramos was 42 and had worked at UMCDF since September of 2005.



A celebration of life service for Jim Ramos has been scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday at the Echo High School gymnasium.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,657 days, or more than 7.7 million work hours, since a lost work day accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing

(Jan. 13 - 19, 2011)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	52
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	1,208
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	45.8
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	8
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	427
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	97,593
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	2,147,687
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	5,528,343
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	219,075
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	2,451.7
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	65.95

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

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- **June 27, 2010:** Completed mustard Agent Trial Burn for Metal Parts Furnace (MPF) and Liquid Incinerators (LICs).
- **June 11, 2009:** Began first HD ton container destruction in the 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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