

UMCDF employees take the 'challenge'

For the past couple of weeks, employees at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) have been participating in the annual Employee-Led Team (ELT) Challenge.

The event is held two days a week over a four-week period. It will end on Wednesday, May 11.

The Challenge was created a few years ago by the site's employee-led environmental team. It has since expanded to include all three ELTs on site — the environmental, safety and toxic area teams.

Employees participate in a number of activities, including performing detailed tasks in a mock Demilitarization Protective Ensemble (DPE) suit, identifying proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for certain job tasks, and determining proper disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous waste.



Above: UMCDF Plant Manager Bob Dikeman concentrates on connecting wires in an electrical box while dressed in DPE during the first day of the 2011 Employee-Led Team Challenge, Tuesday, April 19.

Below: Employees determine whether certain waste items are hazardous or non-hazardous.



UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,755 days, or more than 8.2 million work hours, since a lost work day accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing

(April 21 - 27, 2011)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	31
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	1,587
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	60.2
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	20
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	617
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	66,186
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	2,827,899
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	6,208,555
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	219,543
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	2,776.66
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	74.69

**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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