



DEQ opens public comment period for UMCDf permit renewal application

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is requesting comments on the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility's (UMCDf's) draft Hazardous Waste Permit renewal application. A public hearing also has been scheduled to receive comments on the application.

The UMCDf submitted an application for renewal of its hazardous waste permit July 28, 2006. The DEQ has used subsequent additional information and permit modifications submitted since that date to update the application. The DEQ has drafted a renewal permit based on the UMCDf application record, and is requesting public comment on the draft renewal permit.

A copy of the draft renewal application and a detailed fact sheet are available for review at the Hermiston Public Library.

Written comments regarding the permit renewal application can be submitted to Steve Potts in the DEQ Eastern Region Hermiston office. The deadline is July 15, 2011.

A public hearing regarding the application has been scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2011, at 6 p.m. in the DEQ office. The address is 256 East Hurlburt in Hermiston.

After completion of the public comment period, the DEQ will review and consider oral and written comments received during the comment period. Based on this review, the DEQ will make a final decision on whether to issue the renewal permit as proposed, issue the renewal permit with revisions, or not to issue the renewal permit.

The DEQ anticipates its final decision will be made in July.

Agent destruction reaches 80 percent

Total agent destruction at the UMCDf reached 80 percent during operations this week. The combined tonnage of GB, VX and HD mustard agent processed stood at 80.75 percent as of midnight June 2 (see detailed processing numbers in the table above). Completion of the mustard campaign is expected in late November this year.

UMCDf Highlights

- It has been 1,790 days, or more than 8.3 million work hours, since a lost work day accident occurred at the UMCDf (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (May 26 - June 1, 2011)

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| Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period | 50 |
| Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date | 1,818 |
| Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date | 69.0 |
| Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period | 11 |
| Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date | 659 |
| Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period | 98,408 |
| Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date | 3,247,678 |
| Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i> | 6,628,334 |
| Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i> | 219,774 |
| Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date | 3,001.70 |
| Percentage of total agent tons destroyed | 80.75 |

*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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