

UMCDF waits for OSHA VPP 'Star' recertification



Although the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) won't receive official word on its Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) recertification for a few weeks, the recent visit by a two-man inspection team left the impression that the project will certainly retain its "Star" status.

UMCDF first earned VPP certification in late 2006. VPP is an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) program that sets performance-based criteria for a managed safety and health system, and then assesses applicants against those criteria. Star status is the highest safety designation provided by the federal government.

While on site June 1 and 2, the two-man VPP inspection team of Steve Gossman (center in photo above) and Alex Bedard (left in photo) attended the daily plant status meeting, presentations on the UMCDF VPP program and the Performance Excellence program, and a plant tour. The team also observed a toxic entry from suit-up to the entry itself.

The team had no findings.

Site makes first shipment of old filter carbon for disposal

The UMCDF made its first shipment of spent carbon off site for disposal Wednesday. The carbon was used to control potential mercury emissions in the pollution abatement system carbon filters during the destruction of mustard agent. The facility gained the final approval last month from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to enable the use of sampling and analytical methods to classify the spent carbon as agent-free. About 25 tons (about 10 percent) of the carbon in storage was shipped to a site in Grassy Mountain, Utah.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,797 days, or more than 8.4 million work hours, since a lost work day accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing

(June 2 - 8, 2011)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	41
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	1,859
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	70.6
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	10
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	669
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	69,598
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	3,317,276
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	6,697,932
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	219,815
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	3,036.50
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	81.69

*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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