

Overfilled TC campaign under way



The splash shield fabricated by UMCDF will be placed over the TC when it is punched at the Bulk Drain Station.

UMCDF plans to process nine “over-filled” ton containers (TCs) over the next few days, taking special precautions to avoid spilling agent in the Bulk Drain Station (BDS) room.

Overfilled TCs were filled to the brim, making it hard to avoid spilling agent when the container is punched. The first time an over-filled TC was punched about a year ago, agent splashed across the room, forcing extensive decontamination and clean up.

That should be avoided when the remaining overfilled TCs are processed, thanks to a splash shield fabricated by UMCDF personnel. When placed on the BDS over the punch area, the shield will divert splashing agent down into the cradle and significantly minimize contamination. The overfilled TCs are now in the plant and will be processed soon.

Of the nine remaining overfilled TCs, the five weighing less than 2,000 pounds are expected to drain without issue at the BDS, based on previous operations. But the four heaviest – ranging from 2,003 to 2,101 pounds – are expected to present contamination issues. However, the splash shield should minimize those considerably.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,852 days, or more than 8.6 million work hours, since a lost work day accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (July 21 - 27, 2011)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	43
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date - Number of TCs remaining in inventory -	2,157 (478)
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	81.9
Total “recipient” HD ton containers* destroyed this period	17
Total “recipient” HD ton containers* destroyed to date	745
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	79,286
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	3,852,866
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	7,233,531
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	220,113
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	3,304.29
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	88.88
<i>*Recipient ton containers are byproducts of mustard disposal and were not a part of the original stockpile.</i>	

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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