



A new safety record: 9 million safe work hours reached!

In the early morning hours of Monday, Sept. 19, the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) surpassed 9 million work hours without a lost work-day accident.

"While this milestone represents a record for the project, the most important element is that it means we are working safely and meeting our goal of sending people home in the same condition they were in when they came to work," said Project General Manager Steve Warren. "We must carry that attention to safety through the end of operations and into closure."

The cumulative number of hours worked for this milestone is the equivalent of one person working 40 hours a week for 4,327 years without missing a day of work due to injury – or 100 workers going 43 years without a lost-time accident.

UMCDF's hazardous waste permit renewed

On Sept. 20, The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) renewed the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Hazardous Waste Permit for the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF).

The renewal of the permit followed several months of review and negotiation between the UMCDF and DEQ to ensure the renewal would not adversely impact completion of the chemical demilitarization mission. The initial RCRA permit was issued in February 1997 for a 10-year term.

UMCDF submitted an application to renew the permit in 2006. It was accepted and considered complete by the DEQ which allowed UMCDF to continue to operate until the department took action on the permit renewal.

The permit renewal sustains the demilitarization mission to destroy the last chemical agents at UMCDF and close the facility. The last mustard agent is expected to be destroyed in November.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,902 days, or more than 9 million work hours, since a lost work day accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Sept. 15 - 21, 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	2,416
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	91.7
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	14
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	835
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	77,965
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	4,322,881
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	7,703,546
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	220,368
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	3,539.30
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	95.21

**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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