

UMCDF prepares for flu season

The Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility's (UMCDF's) medical department administered flu vaccinations last week to more than 200 of its employees. The vaccinations are provided annually, free of charge, to workers at the plant. The vaccinations are an effort to keep as many employees as possible from contracting the flu during the winter months. Limiting Conditions of Operations (LCOs) specify that a minimum number of "essential" employees — control room operators, plant operators and maintenance personnel — are required to conduct operations. If too many of those employees are out sick at the same time, the plant must suspend operations until replacements are brought in.

Lab observes parent company's birthday



Employees of the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility's laboratory observed their company's birthday Wednesday, Sept. 28, with cake prior to their staff meeting. That date marked the 64th anniversary of the creation of Southwest Research Institute (SwRI), the subcontractor that conducts the disposal facility's chemical sampling and air monitoring programs.

Headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, SwRI is one of the oldest and largest independent, nonprofit, applied research and development (R&D) organizations in the United States. Founded in 1947, SwRI provides contract research and development services to industrial and government clients in the United States and abroad. SwRI employs 132 people at Umatilla.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,916 days, or more than 9 million work hours, since a lost work day accident occurred at the Umatilla (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Sept. 29 - Oct. 5, 2011)

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| Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period | 48 |
| Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date | 2,506 |
| Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date | 95.1 |
| Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period | 8 |
| Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date | 855 |
| Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period | 89,948 |
| Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date | 4,488,442 |
| Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i> | 7,869,107 |
| Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i> | 220,459 |
| Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date | 3,622.08 |
| Percentage of total agent tons destroyed | 97.44 |

*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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