

HD ton container, chemical munitions destruction operations complete



The last HD mustard ton container (TC) in the Umatilla Chemical Depot stockpile, as well as the U.S. Army inventory, was released from the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility's (UMCDF's) Metal Parts Furnace (MPF) Discharge Airlock (DAL) at 9:19 Tuesday morning (photo above). The moment marked the end of chemical munitions destruction operations at the facility. Plant personnel currently are flushing agent and rinsate (a byproduct of ton container processing) lines. Once that is completed in the next few weeks, the UMCDF will officially meet its treaty requirements.



UMCDF Control Room Supervisor Mark Evans answers questions from a TV reporter after the last TC was discharged from the MPF DAL Tuesday morning.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,936 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

(Oct. 20 - 25, 2011)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	32
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	2,635
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	100.0
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	11
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	890
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	56,442
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	4,712,456
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	8,093,121
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	220,604
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	3,734.09
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	100.04

*Recipient ton containers are byproducts of mustard disposal and were not a part of the original stockpile.

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- Oct. 25, 2011:** Completed mustard ton container campaign and chemical demilitarization operations.
- Oct. 20, 2011:** Last HD ton container (TC) transported from depot storage to disposal plant
- June 11, 2009:** Began first HDTC destruction in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).
- June 4, 2009:** First HD TCs 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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