



"D Crew" members pose with the last VX spray tank in the UMCDF and CMA stockpile. It was processed through the MPF on Christmas Eve.

VX Spray Tank campaign complete

HERMISTON, Ore. -- The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) announced the safe destruction of the last VX nerve agent-filled spray tank in the U.S. chemical stockpile. The last of the stockpiled spray tanks were destroyed at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24.

Spray tank disposal operations first began at the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (TOCDF) on July 23, 2004. Out of the 1,018 original stockpile spray tanks, TOCDF was responsible for the disposal of 862 tanks. On Nov. 23, 2007, the UMCDF began to safely destroy the last 156 spray tanks, which were stored at the Umatilla Chemical Depot.

The final two spray tanks in the Umatilla and CMA arsenal were destroyed Monday.

The TMU-28 VX nerve agent spray tanks were bulk agent containers designed to distribute the liquid agent in an aerosol form -- as a fog or mist -- from an aircraft onto battlefields.

"CMA is committed to the continued safe destruction of the remaining U.S. Stockpile -- safe for our workers, the public and the environment," said CMA's Acting Director Dale Ormond. "We are doing it right!"

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 537 days since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).
- Destroyed last VX-filled spray tank Dec. 24.

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing

(Dec. 20 - 26, 2007)

Total number of VX-filled rockets destroyed this period	661
Total VX-filled rockets destroyed to date	5,738
Percentage of VX rockets destroyed to date	39.5
Total number of VX-filled spray tanks destroyed this period	31
Total VX-filled spray tanks destroyed to date	156
Percentage of VX-filled spray tanks destroyed to date	100
Pounds of VX agent destroyed this period	47,757
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	268,244
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile ton containers</i>	161,438
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date (stockpile only)	1,148.12
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	30.88

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- Dec. 24, 2007: Completed VX Spray tank campaign.
- Nov. 25-26, 2007: Processed the non-stockpile VX ton container (punched and drained on Nov. 25, thermally decontaminated in the Metal Parts Furnace [MPF] on Nov. 26).
- Nov. 23, 2007: Destroyed the first VX spray tanks in the MPF.
- Nov. 19, 2007: First VX spray tank transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- Nov. 9, 2007: First VX chemical agent destroyed in the Liquid Incinerator (LIC).
- Oct. 29, 2007: Processed the first VX M55 rockets in the Deactivation Furnace System (DFS).
- July 8, 2007: Completed GB munitions campaign.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

Bruce Henrickson
Phone: (541) 564-5312
bruce.henrickson@us.army.mil

Jim Hackett
Phone: (541) 564-5418
james.s.hackett@us.army.mil

OUTREACH OFFICE:

Steve Meyers
Phone: (541) 564-9339
steve.meyers@umcdf-fo.org

SYSTEMS CONTRACTOR:

Hal McCune
Phone: (541) 564-7304
hal.mccune@wgint.com

Umatilla Chemical Disposal Outreach Office
190 E. Main St.
Hermiston, OR 97838
Phone: (541) 564-9339
Fax: (541) 564-9532

Information Line:
(888) 866-5928
(541) 564-7103

Outreach Office Hours:
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
Monday - Friday
(Additional hours available upon request)