

## Federal retirees receive depot update



*Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) Site Project Manager Don Barclay updated the Tri-Cities Chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) on the Army's progress in disposing chemical weapons at the group's monthly meeting Wednesday in Kennewick, Wash. Chapter President Verneice Skinner said, "We appreciate the update on what's happening at the depot."*

## VX rocket destruction reaches half way point

The 50 percent mark for VX rocket destruction was reached Tuesday, Jan. 1 during processing at the UMCDF. The plant is also near the 40 percent milestone for total VX agent destruction.

Once all the rockets are processed, the only VX munitions remaining for destruction will be projectiles and land mines.

Related to the chemical agent destruction milestone, no Washington Demilitarization Company (WDC) incineration site destroyed more VX agent in as short a time as the UMCDF team did during mid-December. The 7-day rolling total exceeded 88,000 pounds on Dec. 20, and the highest calendar week exceeded 71,000 pounds of VX destroyed for the week ending Dec. 23. This feat was possible due to Team Umatilla destroying VX spray tanks at a high rate for the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF) and Liquid Incinerator (LIC 2) agent trial burns, Dec. 18-20.

*(Source: URS-Washington Division Project Controls)*

## UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 544 days since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

### Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Dec. 27, 2007 - Jan. 2, 2008)

Total number of VX-filled rockets destroyed this period	2,004
Total VX-filled rockets destroyed to date	7,742
Percentage of VX rockets destroyed to date	53.3
Total number of VX-filled spray tanks destroyed this period	0
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	18,954
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	286,818
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile ton containers</i>	163,442
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date (stockpile only)	1,158.49
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	31.16

### UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- **Dec. 24, 2007:** Destroyed the last VX spray tank in the depot and U.S. arsenal.
- **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).
- **Oct. 26, 2007:** First VX M55 rockets transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- **July 8, 2007:** Completed GB munitions campaign.

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