

Agent processing resumes at UMCDF

After an 18-day pause in operations, the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) resumed processing chemical agent Monday, June 2. The plant had been shut down after an incident involving one of two Liquid Incinerators (LICs).

On May 15, the LIC #1 experienced plugging in one of its components, which caused liquid to back up into the furnace. The LIC #2 was already down for annual maintenance. However, work on the LIC 2 was expedited in order to finish quicker and bring the facility back into operation. That work was completed late last week and, after some testing and monitoring, the furnace began processing VX chemical agent Monday.

Meanwhile, maintenance on the LIC 1 is continuing.

Honoring those who have gone before



Umatilla Chemical Depot Commander Lt. Col. Bob Stein (standing) addresses the audience during a Memorial Day commemoration at the Hermiston Cemetery on Monday, May 26. Stein was among several speakers at the annual ceremony.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 698 days, or more than 3.7 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (May 29 - June 4, 2008)

Total number of VX-filled 155mm projectiles destroyed this period	0
Total VX projectiles destroyed to date	21,098
Percentage of VX projectiles destroyed to date	58.5
Pounds of VX agent destroyed this period	6,096
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	489,188
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers	191,317
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,255.66
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	33.78

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- March 21, 2008:** Destroyed first VX 155mm projectile in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).
- March 20, 2008:** First VX 155mm projectiles transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- Jan. 23, 2008:** Completed VX rocket campaign.
- Dec. 24, 2007:** Completed VX spray tank campaign.
- Nov. 26, 2007:** Processed the non-stockpile VX ton container.
- 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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