



### 'Mustard awareness' classes under way

As preparations to change over from processing VX nerve agent to processing HD mustard continue, the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) has begun mandatory "mustard awareness" training classes. The Training Department started the classes at the start of the month and plans to reach all UMCDF employees by the end of March. The class reviews the dangers of mustard and the safety and operational procedures in place to protect workers. A second class focuses on proper handling and decontamination procedures, which is also mandatory for workers who will make toxic area entries or support staff who enter areas of the plant where agent could be present. The mustard campaign is expected to start this spring.

### UMCDF reaches full staffing

Last week UMCDF achieved something pretty unusual for a project with a work force of 838 people – 100 percent staffing. UMCDF reported staffing of 705 Washington Demilitarization Company employees and 133 employees for key subcontractor Southwest Research Institute (SwRI). That totals 838, which is the current approved staffing level for the project. Considering normal job changeover for a project this size, 100 percent staffing is pretty remarkable. UMCDF is the only demilitarization project to accomplish the feat recently. This past week Umatilla's sister sites in Arkansas and Alabama were at 93 percent and 96 percent staffing respectively, which are considered healthy levels.

### UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 956 days, or more than 4 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

### Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing

(Feb. 11-17, 2009 )

Total number of VX-filled land mines destroyed this period	
Total VX land mines destroyed to date	<b>11,685</b>
Percentage of VX land mines destroyed to date	<b>100</b>
Pounds of VX agent destroyed this period	<b>0</b>
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	<b>734,262</b>
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	<b>217,969</b>
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	<b>1,377.86</b>
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	<b>37.07</b>

### UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- Nov. 8, 2008** – UMCDF surpasses 4 million hours without a lost-time injury
- Nov. 5, 2008**: Last VX mines destroyed in the Deactivation Furnace System (DFS).
- Nov. 4, 2008**: Last VX mines transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- Sept. 25, 2008**: First VX mines transported from depot storage to disposal plant and destroyed in the(DFS).
- Aug. 6, 2008**: Completed VX 8-inch projectile campaign.
- July 16, 2008**: Processed first VX 8-inch projectile in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).
- July 15, 2008**: First VX 8-inch projectiles transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- June 27, 2008**: Completed VX 155mm projectile campaign.
- March 21, 2008**: Destroyed first VX 155mm projectile in the 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 DFS.

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