

Team Umatilla: Five years of progress

It was five years ago this week that the depot and Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) began operations to destroy the chemical weapons stored at the depot. The first GB-filled M55 rocket was delivered to the disposal facility on Sept. 7, 2004 and was processed the next day.

Since that day, the facility has processed more than 218,000 munitions and about 1,500 tons of chemical agent. The plant has also made immense improvements in its safety and environmental records. The Recordable Injury Rate (RIR) going into the first campaign was 1.7. Today, it's 0.57. Environmentally speaking, only four non-compliances have been issued between April 1, 2009 and today, while 20 were reported during the same period in 2004.

Congratulations to everyone on the progress made in eliminating the depot's stockpile of chemical weapons, safety and environmental compliance.



UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,160 days, or more than 5 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Sept. 3 - 9, 2009)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	8
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	138
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	5.2
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	3
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	50
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	11,825
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	235,133
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	3,001,315
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	218,115
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,495.43
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	40.23

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

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- **June 11, 2009:** Began first HD ton container destruction in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).
- **June 4, 2009:** First HD ton containers 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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