

Holiday gift boxes head to teammates overseas



Twenty-one boxes of holiday goodies, filled with snacks and practical “daily needs” items, are winging their way overseas from the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF). They are bound for five Team Umatilla members serving on active duty in Iraq or Afghanistan: Brent Shaw and William Barker of Maintenance, Matt Fetters of Operations, Adam Doherty of DSA and Timothy Collett of SwRI.

Elaine Benton of Operations, who coordinated the collection of donations and mailed the boxes, said about \$1,500 in items and cash were donated. Donations included everything from flashlights and granola bars to crackers, nuts, batteries and hand sanitizer.

“Our employees were very generous,” Benton said. “Thanks to everyone who contributed.”

Once again UMCDF has shown it has the true spirit of Christmas.

Processing limited by cooling water repairs

Processing of mustard-filled ton containers was limited this week by repairs needed to the Metal Parts Furnace’s Discharge Airlock (DAL) secondary cooling water system. A coil went bad late last week and the furnace needed to be cooled down to facilitate repairs. The work was completed on Tuesday, Dec. 14, and the furnace began ramping back to temperature. However, another issue involving the DAL, this time a pressure issue, caused the furnace to be cooled down again. Maintenance personnel will repair an inner door seal and processing will resume thereafter.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,622 days, or more than 7.6 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Dec. 9 - 15, 2010)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	4
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	1,113
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	42.2
Total “recipient” HD ton containers* destroyed this period	3
Total “recipient” HD ton containers* destroyed to date	381
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	10,344
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	1,977,407
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	5,358,063
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	218,973
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	2,366.56
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	63.66

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

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- **June 27, 2010:** Completed mustard Agent Trial Burn for Metal Parts Furnace (MPF) and Liquid Incinerators (LICs).
- **June 11, 2009:** Began first HD ton container destruction in the 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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