

8-inch GB projectile campaign complete



The last 8-inch GB projectile in the Umatilla Chemical Depot stockpile was processed on Jan. 3 when it cleared the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF) at 8:23 a.m. Posing with the final M426 projo are (left to right) Paul Carlson, Randy May, Tom Bevington and Clint Camarillo.

Workers at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) have safely destroyed the last of 14,246 8-inch diameter GB (sarin) nerve agent projectiles originally stockpiled at the Umatilla Chemical Depot (UMCD) at 8:23 Wednesday morning. The facility processed its first 8-inch GB projectile on Sept. 28.

"This dedicated team effort puts us one step closer to eliminating all GB munitions at Umatilla," said Don Barclay, Army site project manager. "We remain focused on completing that mission."

"We continue to fulfill our commitment to eliminate chemical weapons while ensuring the safety of the public and our workforce," said Doug Hamrick, Washington Group International's project general manager for UMCDF. "We are accomplishing this safely and in an environmentally compliant manner."

One more GB nerve agent disposal campaign remains. After a six-week equipment changeover, workers will begin destroying 155mm diameter GB artillery projectiles, which are planned to be completed by mid-2007.

Since Sept. 8, 2004, when it began destroying chemical munitions, the UMCDF has disposed of more than 108,000 rockets, bombs, ton containers, and 8-inch projectiles. This comprises about 24 percent of the agent tonnage originally stockpiled at Umatilla.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 180 days since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).
- An annual maintenance outage on one of the facility's two Liquid Incinerators (LIC) was completed on Jan. 2.
- With the completion of the 8-inch projectile campaign, the plant began changeover activities scheduled to last 40 days. Once changeover is complete, the facility will begin processing 155mm GB projectiles.

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Dec. 28, 2006 - Jan. 3, 2007)

Total number 8-inch GB-filled projectiles processed this period	1,228
Total number 8-inch GB-filled projectiles processed to date	14,246
Percentage of total GB projectiles processed to date	23.1
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 8, 2004)	108,137
Total pounds of GB chemical agent destroyed this period	21,608
Nominal tons of GB chemical agent destroyed to date	859.94
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	23.13

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- **Jan. 3, 2007:** Completed the GB 8-inch projectile campaign.
- **Nov. 30, 2006:** Depot Chemical Operations delivered the 4,000th Enhanced Onsite Container (EONC) to the disposal facility.
- **Nov. 6, 2006:** Processed the 100,000th munition stockpiled at Umatilla.
- **Nov. 5, 2006:** Surpassed 800 tons of chemical agent destroyed.
- **Sept. 28, 2006:** Began GB M426 8-inch projectile campaign.
- **Aug. 9, 2006:** Completed GB M55 rocket campaign.

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