

Bring on the 155s!



The very first GB 155mm projectile to enter the demilitarization process sits in a so-called "egg crate" after being disassembled in the first phase processing. While no "projos" have been processed through the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF) as of this morning, more than 500 of them have been placed "in process," meaning they've had their parts removed and agent drained. Processing is considered complete once the munitions have undergone thorough thermal decontamination in the MPF.

MPF secondary waste trial burn complete

The secondary waste trial burn on the MPF was completed Wednesday. The four-day test measured the stack emissions resulting from processing Waste Incineration Containers (WICs) filled with waste generated by the UMCDF. The WICs contained up to 410 lbs. of DPE suits, boots, gloves, drum liners and other high-heat plastics, as well as absorbents and TAP gear. The trial burn was conducted to allow the UMCDF to process the waste generated on a daily basis, rather than drum up the waste, send it to permitted storage and back to the plant for processing in the MPF.

Doug Hamrick, project general manager, praised all UMCDF employees for teamwork during the trial burn, indicating that "the efforts of all departments working together made this trial burn successful, and I thank each and every one of you for your safe work efforts and patience."

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 208 days since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).
- The Metal Parts Furnace (MPF) secondary waste trial burn was completed on Jan. 31. (See related story below.) Analyses results are expected in two weeks.
- The disposal facility completed the month of January with no recordable (serious) injuries and only four first aid (minor) injuries.

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing

(Jan. 25 - 31, 2007)

Total number GB-filled 155mm projectiles processed this period	0
Total number GB-filled 155mm projectiles processed to date	0
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	0
Nominal tons of GB chemical agent destroyed to date	859.94
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	23.13

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- **Jan. 25, 2007:** Began the GB 155mm projectile campaign with delivery of munitions from depot storage to the disposal facility.
- **Jan. 3, 2007:** Completed the GB 8-inch projectile campaign.
- **Nov. 6, 2006:** Processed the 100,000th munition stockpiled at Umatilla.
- **Sept. 28, 2006:** Began GB M426 8-inch projectile campaign.
- **Aug. 9, 2006:** Completed GB M55 rocket campaign.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

Bruce Henrickson
Phone: (541) 564-5312
Cell: (541) 379-8810
bruce.henrickson@us.army.mil

Jim Hackett
Phone: (541) 564-5418
Cell: (541) 720-1881
james.s.hackett@us.army.mil

OUTREACH OFFICE:

Steve Meyers
Phone: (541) 564-9339
Cell: (541) 571-7446
steve_meyers@urscoleman.com

SYSTEMS CONTRACTOR:

Hal McCune
Phone: (541) 564-7304
Cell: (541) 571-1779
hal.mccune@wgint.com

Umatilla Chemical Disposal Outreach Office

190 E. Main St.
Hermiston, OR 97838
Phone: (541) 564-9339
Fax: (541) 564-9532

Information Line:
(888) 866-5928
(541) 564-7103

Outreach Office Hours:
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
Monday - Friday
(Additional hours available upon request)