

Commander's tree a popular spot for bees



This swarm of bees "landed" recently in a tree near the commander's house on the Umatilla Chemical Depot. A local beekeeper said it's common this time of year for bees to huddle in trees and elsewhere. Normally there is only one queen in the hive. But in the spring she will lay an egg that will produce another queen. That queen leaves and some of the bees go with her, often swarming on a branch and remaining for a few days. They keep moving until they find an adequate place to create a permanent hive. (The bees pictured above have since moved on.) When they are "swarming" bees usually won't sting. Remember bees are valuable, so don't disturb or destroy them. If they should swarm some place that is inconvenient, a beekeeper can easily remove them.

Project Review Board

The Washington Group International Project Review Board (PRB) is visiting the UMCD/UMCDF this week. The mission of the PRB is to stimulate cost effective and reliable project performance through independent reviews and evaluations of significant Washington Group projects and oversight of the Business Unit internal project review programs. During the week, the PRB is reviewing nearly 100 Project Execution Procedures and Process Maps. The nine-person team is led by John Lee, a 30-year veteran of Washington Group and its legacy companies.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 299 days since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCD/UMCDF (July 7, 2006).
- Ended April with 10,526 GB 155mm projectiles processed for the month. The total represents 22 percent of the depot's original 155mm 'projo' stockpile.

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing

(April 26 - May 2, 2007)

Total number GB-filled 155mm projectiles processed this period	2,269
Total number GB-filled 155mm projectiles processed to date	26,106
Percentage of total GB projectiles (including 8-inch) processed to date	65.5
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 8, 2004)	134,239
Total pounds of GB chemical agent destroyed this period	16,225
Nominal tons of GB chemical agent destroyed to date	944.78
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	25.42

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- **Feb. 1, 2007:** Processed the first GB 155mm projectiles through the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).
- **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.

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