

New CMA director visits Umatilla



Prior to being installed as director of the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA), Conrad Whyne, right, addressed the Oregon Citizens' Advisory Commission (CAC) during its regular monthly meeting, Jan. 17. Commissioners pictured from left: Chairman Bob Flournoy, Hermiston Mayor Bob Severson, and Commissioner Jeff Wenholtz. Below (facing Whyne, left to right): UMCD Commander Lt. Col. Bob Stein, Site Project Manager Don Barclay, and Project General Manager Doug Hamrick listen to the soon-to-be director's comments.



Just a few days before he was officially sworn in as the head of the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency (CMA), Conrad Whyne took the time to visit the Umatilla Chemical Depot and attend the monthly Oregon Citizens' Advisory Commission (CAC) meeting. Prior to visiting Umatilla, Whyne was in Pine Bluff, Ark., helping the chemical weapons arsenal there receive a safety award.

Whyne was officially instated as CMA director during a ceremony on Jan. 25. He took over for acting director Dale Ormond, who had filled the position since January 2007. Prior to being named CMA director, Whyne served as the organization's deputy director.

During the January CAC meeting, Whyne promised the commissioners he'd come back to visit Umatilla.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 572 days (more than 2.5 million work hours) since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Jan. 24 - 30, 2008)

Total number of VX-filled rockets destroyed this period	
Total VX-filled rockets destroyed to date	14,519
Percentage of VX rockets destroyed to date	100
Total number of VX-filled spray tanks destroyed this period	
Total VX-filled spray tanks destroyed	156
Percentage of VX-filled spray tanks destroyed	100
Pounds of VX agent destroyed this period	11,307
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	363,641
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	170,219
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date (stockpile only)	1,192.37
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	32.08

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- Jan. 23, 2008: Completed VX rocket campaign.
- Dec. 24, 2007: Completed VX spray tank campaign.
- Nov. 26, 2007: Processed the non-stockpile VX ton container.
- Nov. 23, 2007: Destroyed the first VX spray tanks in the MPF.
- Nov. 19, 2007: First VX spray tank transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- Nov. 9, 2007: First VX chemical agent destroyed in the Liquid Incinerator (LIC).
- Oct. 29, 2007: Processed the first VX M55 rockets in the Deactivation Furnace System (DFS).
- Oct. 26, 2007: First VX M55 rockets transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- July 8, 2007: Completed GB munitions campaign.

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