



### Team Umatilla reaches 3 million safe work hours

The Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) surpassed three million work hours without a lost-time injury on Tuesday, April 15. The facility has gone nearly two years without a lost work day accident. The last lost-time accident at the site occurred on July 6, 2006.

"This is an exceptional accomplishment; it's the same as one person working for 1,500 years without missing a day at work due to an injury!" said Doug Hamrick, project general manager for Washington Defense Group, which built and operates the incineration plant at the Umatilla Chemical Depot. "Reaching this milestone is a testament to the dedication of the staff here at UMCDF to safely perform the difficult tasks they face each day. Each and every member of Team Umatilla is responsible for this achievement and should be very proud of this milestone."

Tuesday's milestone marks the second time UMCDF has reached three million safe work hours. It first achieved that record on Sept. 2, 2003. Construction of the plant began in 1997 and it started destroying chemical weapons in September of 2004.

UMCDF maintains an exemplary health and safety program. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) awarded UMCDF Star Status in the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) at the end of 2006. It's the highest safety honor bestowed by the federal government. UMCDF has more than 800 employees and regularly completes work similar to that at a heavy industrial site, yet the frequency and severity of injuries at UMCDF is comparable to those of insurance carriers and commercial banking.

Team Umatilla's Previous Safety Milestones	
Date Range	Safe Work Hours
Feb. 19, 2000 - March 7, 2001	2 million
Oct. 11, 2001 - Sept. 2, 2003	3 million
Sept. 26, 2003 - Oct. 22, 2004	1.7 million
Oct. 23, 2004 - July 7, 2006	2.8 million
July 8, 2006 - present	3 million

### UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 649 days, or more than 3 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

#### Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (April 10 - 16, 2008)

Total number of VX-filled 155mm projectiles destroyed this period	2,632
Total VX projectiles destroyed to date	8,704
Percentage of VX projectiles destroyed to date	24.1
Pounds of VX agent destroyed this period	12,814
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	193,670
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers	178,923
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,218.48
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	32.78

#### UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- March 21, 2008:** Destroyed first VX 155mm projectile in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).
- March 20, 2008:** First VX 155mm projectiles transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- 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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