

Annual emergency drill is extended this year



Communication between the depot's Emergency Operations Center and the field is a constant activity during emergency exercises.

Three day, full-scale exercise is part of national preparedness events

Emergency management officials in Umatilla, Morrow, and Benton counties, the states of Washington and Oregon and the Army's Umatilla Chemical Depot will hold an annual Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) drill May 5-7.

The drill will start on Monday, May 5, with a simulated chemical emergency at the Umatilla Chemical Depot and demonstrate emergency preparedness and recovery activities at the counties and two states surrounding the depot.

Unlike past years, this year's annual CSEPP exercise, called the Umatilla Vignette of the Pacific Northwest Venue of National Level 2-08, Service Response Force Exercise, will extend for three days. The first day will center on response activities and the following two days will focus on reentry and recovery activities. Emergency planners increased the drill to three days because of the size and scope of the exercise linked to other test exercise events in the Northwest and nationally. A longer exercise will allow planners to focus on recovery issues as well. The other Pacific Northwest drills are being conducted in the Seattle and Bellingham, Wash., areas starting today.

The exact time of the exercise start is not known. People are urged to pay attention to the sirens and the test exercise messages as part of their overall emergency preparedness. The public will hear Westminster chimes in Umatilla and Morrow counties in Oregon, and in Benton County, Wash., when the exercise begins.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 663 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 24 - 30, 2008)

Total number of VX-filled 155mm projectiles destroyed this period	3,248
Total VX projectiles destroyed to date	14,048
Percentage of VX projectiles destroyed to date	39.0
Pounds of VX agent destroyed this period	23,606
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	445,920
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers	184,267
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,234.51
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	33.21

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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