

Team Umatilla reaches record safety milestone

In the early morning hours of Saturday, Nov. 8, the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) reached a new milestone in safety. For the first time in the project's history, the mark of 4 million hours worked without a lost-time accident was achieved.

"Reaching this milestone is a testament to the dedication of each and every employee here at UMCDF and all of our Subcontractors to work safely," said Doug Hamrick, project general manager for URS-EG&G Division, Washington Defense Group. "You have done this — each difficult task that you plan ahead and foresee the hazards to avoid, each entry you make with vigilance, each time you slow down to walk across icy spots, each time you stop to get the correct PPE, you are contributing to the safety culture here. Each and every member of Team Umatilla is responsible for this achievement."

For the workforce at the UMCDF, it truly is a significant achievement due to the nature of the work that is done at the plant. This can be attributed to a variety of factors, the main one being the positive attitude toward safety that is exhibited here by each and every worker, each and every day.

Washington Defense Group is the government contractor that built and operates the UMCDF.



UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 859 days, or more than 4 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Nov. 6 - 12, 2008)

Total number of VX-filled land mines destroyed this period	0
Total VX land mines destroyed to date	11,685
Percentage of VX land mines destroyed to date	100
Pounds of VX agent destroyed this period	6,856
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	734,262
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers	217,969
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,377.86
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	37.07

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- **Nov. 5, 2008:** Last VX mines destroyed in the Deactivation Furnace System (DFS).
- **Nov. 4, 2008:** Last VX mines transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- **Sept. 25, 2008:** First VX mines transported from depot storage to disposal plant and destroyed in the(DFS).
- **Aug. 6, 2008:** Completed VX 8-inch projectile campaign.
- **July 16, 2008:** Processed first VX 8-inch projectile in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).
- **July 15, 2008:** First VX 8-inch projectiles transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- **June 27, 2008:** Completed VX 155mm projectile campaign.
- **March 21, 2008:** Destroyed first VX 155mm projectile in the 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 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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VX campaign officially complete with final agent destruction

The last liquid VX agent remaining in the Agent Collection System (ACS) tanks was processed yesterday, completing destruction of all VX chemical agent. Both ACS tanks are empty and the percentage of liquid agent destroyed stands at 100 percent. That means all 729,496 lbs. of VX has been destroyed either in the two Liquid Incinerators (LICs) or residually in the Deactivation Furnace System (DFS) and Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).