

UMCDF Lab's annual CDC review garners compliments

An annual Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) review of the UMCDF's on-site laboratory concluded with the following remarks:



"As has been the case during the several previous annual reviews, there was extensive evidence in all areas of laboratory activities of many best practices being implemented at a level of excellence that is in many cases setting the standard for the chemical disposal program. DAAMS (Depot Area Air Monitoring System) performance is outstanding, ACAMS (Automatic Continuous Air Monitoring System) results are excellent, LIMS (Laboratory Information Management System) integration is particularly effective, environmental shelter facilities for monitors and sampling probes are now outstanding, and quality control improvements have been considerable over the past year. UMCDF is particularly open on all issues and focused upon continued improvements in all areas. The workforce is truly outstanding."

The lab is operated by Southwest Research Institute, headquartered in San Antonio, Texas.

'Thank you' reception today at Outreach Office

A "Thank You" Reception will be held from 4:30-6 p.m. today at the Umatilla Chemical Disposal Outreach Office in Hermiston to mark the end of VX agent storage and disposal.



In addition to looking back at the successes of the VX campaign, Umatilla Chemical Depot and Disposal Facility leadership will be present to talk to visitors about the upcoming mustard agent disposal campaign.

The Outreach Office is at 190 E. Main Street in Hermiston.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 866 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. 13 - 19, 2008)

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| Total number of VX-filled land mines destroyed this period | |
| 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 | 0 |
| Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date | 734,262 |
| Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i> | 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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