

Mustard ton container processing under way



This image of a video monitor inside the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) Control Room shows the first mustard-filled ton container entering the Metal Parts Furnace for thermal decontamination last Thursday, June 11. The plant continues a slow, deliberate start up schedule.

'Yep, looks good in there'



A UMCDF maintenance worker emerges from one of the brine holding tanks at the disposal plant during an annual inspection this week.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,076 days, or more than 5 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (June 10-16, 2009)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	2
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	2
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	0.08
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	2
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	2
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	1,017
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	1,017
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date	735,279
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	1,378.36
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	37.08

**Recipient ton containers are byproducts of mustard disposal and were not a part of the original stockpile.*

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- June 11, 2009:** Began first HD ton container destruction in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).
- June 4, 2009:** First HD ton containers transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- Nov. 5, 2008:** Completed VX munitions campaign.
- Oct. 26, 2007:** Began VX munitions campaign.
- July 8, 2007:** Completed GB munitions campaign.
- Sept. 7, 2004:** Began GB munitions campaign.



Watch your step! Thanks to the desert climate of the depot, the occasional cactus springs forth from the sand. This one includes a yellow "warning" blossom.

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