

Congressional reps visit Umatilla depot



Umatilla Chemical Depot commander Lt. Col. Kris Perkins briefs the central Washington directors for congresswomen Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray Monday at the depot headquarters building. From left are David Reeploeg of Sen. Cantwell's office and Rebecca Mengelos of Sen. Murray's office. The two also took a "windshield tour" of the depot that included stops at the gazebo overlooking the incineration plant, an empty igloo and the depot Operations Center.

Below: Bob Dikeman (center), project general manager of the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) explains the sequence of mustard processing from the gazebo overlooking the plant from the east. Mike Strong, the Army's site project manager, looks on at right.



Depot to install more owl 'condos'

Next week the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) will be working with the Depot Environmental Office and volunteers to install artificial burrowing owl burrows. A total of 30 new burrows will be installed. Last year the depot installed about 20 burrows, most of which were occupied in the spring. As a result the FWS was able to band chicks for future tracking. Next year they hope to put tracking devices on the adult birds that will provide detailed information on their travels.



UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,339 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 (Aug. 13 - 19, 2009)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	24
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	108
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	4.1
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	5
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	46
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	39,826
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	191,773
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	2,957,919
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	218,085
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,473.75
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	39.64

**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.

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