

UMCDF employees recognized for technical excellence

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) engineer John Zoulek and Operations shift superintendent Heather Callihan are Awards of Excellence winners in the URS Corporation's 2009 Pyramid Awards program.



Zoulek



Callihan

They were part of the M23 Mine Site Team, which was selected as the Global Security Group winner in the Technical Excellence category. Their teammates on the Mine Site Team included Charles Newton and Nelson Mobley from the Pine Bluff Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (PBCDF) in Arkansas, and Jeremy Martin and Joseph Megill from the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ANCDF) in Alabama.

Guy Stevenson, president of the Global Security Group Business Unit of URS, said the Pyramid Awards "represent the pinnacle of achievement at URS, and you are among a select group of employees to be honored with an Award of Excellence. On behalf of your colleagues Company-wide, I would like to congratulate you on your superior performance and well-deserved recognition."

In this first year of the Pyramid Awards program, about 540 nominations were received. All Award of Excellence winners are entered in the competition for President's Awards, which is the second tier of the Pyramid Awards program. Those winners will be announced later this month.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,216 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 (Oct. 29 - Nov. 4, 2009)

Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed this period	0
Total number of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	159
Percentage of originally stockpiled HD-filled ton containers destroyed to date	6.0
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed this period	0
Total "recipient" HD ton containers* destroyed to date	54
Pounds of HD agent destroyed this period	0
Pounds of HD agent destroyed to date	278,744
Pounds of total agent destroyed to date <i>Includes GB, VX and HD</i>	3,044,926
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	218,136
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,517.23
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	40.81

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

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Depot has photos on Flickr

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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.