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The Oregon Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission

Public involvement is key to the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency's (CMA) successful chemical weapons storage and disposal efforts. CMA encourages citizens in communities where chemical weapons stockpiles exist to become informed about and involved in the safe storage and disposal of the chemical weapons, and to provide input and feedback to the program's decision-making process. Citizen's Advisory Commissions (CACs) provide a vital public involvement link between state agencies, the community and the Army.

The Chemical Demilitarization CACs were created as part of the National Defense Authorization Act in 1993 for states in which low-volume chemical weapons stockpiles existed, Indiana, Kentucky and Maryland. Commissions were later established in the other states that maintain chemical weapons stockpiles: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Oregon and Utah.

Oregon's governor created the Umatilla Chemical Demilitarization Citizen's Advisory Commission in 1994 to give citizens an independent voice on matters relating to chemical weapons storage, disposal and emergency preparedness.

Oregon Citizen's Advisory Commission meetings are open to the public and begin at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. Typically, the meetings include updates from Umatilla Chemical Depot, Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility and emergency preparedness managers.

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