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Umatilla Chemical Depot

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UMCD no longer a Chemical Weapons Convention storage site

The results of a Dec. 5 – 6 inspection by the Organization For The Prohibition Of Chemical Weapons and completion of all Treaty verification activities confirmed that no chemical weapons remain in storage at the Umatilla Chemical Depot and that the stockpile has been destroyed.

This inspection and preliminary findings report closes the facility as a Chemical Weapons Convention storage and demilitarization site well in advance of the April, 2012 International Treaty deadline.

Lieutenant Colonel Kris N. Perkins, U.S. Army Commander of the installation said, “This is another significant milestone achieved assuring the safety of future generations. This achievement is a direct result of dedication to the safe completion of this project by Team Umatilla Government and Contract employees and UMCD’s community partners”.

The close-out inspection report also signals the departure of the international body of inspectors that has watched and verified the operations and incineration of chemical agents since May 2004.

“The Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility has hosted hundreds of OPCW inspectors representing the 188 member nations since onsite destruction verification activities began in May 2004,” said Gary Anderson, UMCD Site Project Manager. “It is an honor to have been able to assist these individuals in their mission to verify the global reduction of chemical weapons.”

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