



Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program Oregon

A snapshot of activities from January - June 2009

2009 Exercise

The Umatilla Community CSEPP Exercise was held on April 21 and a Monitoring and Sampling tabletop exercise was conducted on April 22.

An out-of-sequence drill was held for schools in the Immediate Response Zone on March 12. Thirty-three schools and two districts participated in the preparedness drill.

The exercise planning team had the following objectives:

- Validate/confirm reliability of Hazard Analyst software
- Confirm Joint Information System (JIS) improvement
- Emphasize decontamination operations for fire and hospital personnel
- Validate communications nodes and links
- Evaluate schools out of sequence

Strengths included: CTUIR - medical screening; Benton County - message control system, 911 activated in EOC; Washington State - dedication and enthusiasm of exercise participants; JIC - Prosser incident.

Observations included: ACP "blue card" training, PAPR batteries, decon trailer set up, hospital notification, State notification of emergency declaration, conflicting plume data.

Findings included: Protective action information



Radio and Data Communication District

Umatilla and Morrow Counties have been working with Oregon legislators to allow radio and data communications districts to be formed by local regions.

These districts would be authorized to acquire, maintain, and upgrade voice and data communications systems for use by public safety agencies within their boundaries. The districts would be funded by property taxes and bonds authorized by voters residing within the districts.

Currently in place, is a system that has been constructed, operated and maintained with funds from grants associated with CSEPP. Funds for this system will end with the Umatilla Chemical Depot completes destruction of the chemical weapons.

Currently a bill has been approved in the House of Representatives and the Senate. Once signed by the Governor, the residents of Umatilla and Morrow Counties will have the opportunity to establish the Bi County Communication District.

Closeout

The destruction of HD blister agent began at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility in June 2009. This is the last chemical munition campaign at the Umatilla Chemical Depot. Planning boundaries suggest destruction will be completed sometime during 2010.



In November 2007, Oregon began planning for Closeout with the formation of a Task Force (made up of Federal/Tribal/ State/County representatives) and with expert support from a contractor (DE Tech) who had assisted Indiana in their CSEPP Closeout process. The outcome of quarterly meetings and periodic contractor “on site visits” has been the adoption of the Oregon Consolidated Closeout Planning Framework*.

The purpose of this planning framework was to document the challenges, incorporate FEMA National and Regional guidance, and calculate the jurisdictional decisions affecting CSEPP Closeout in Oregon. It ultimately becomes the roadmap for final disposition of all personnel, equipment, services, plans and procedures while serving to track progress of ongoing and future action items.

Besides utilization of the planning framework, keys to successful Oregon Closeout planning efforts to date include:

- Conducting informational meetings for local policy level officials
- Ensuring a close partnership with FEMA Regional Grant and Fiscal management
- Continuous coordination with the Depot planners
- Development of a strategy or media campaign to keep the general public informed.

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Training and Exercises

January

- All Hazards IMT

February

- HAN
- IS 100/200
- Blue Mountain Community College Exercise

March

- HSEPP
- Tactical Decision Games (Train the Trainer)
- Columbia Generating Station Exercise
- Indian Lake Dam Exercise
- CSEPP Out of Sequence School Exercise
- State Logistics Training- Cascading Events

April

- CSEPP Out of Sequence School Exercise
- Mini IPE Training
- Annual CSEPP Exercise
- Monitoring and Sampling Exercise

May

- CA Tools
- WebPuff
- OPS Center

June

- USDOE Full Scale Field Exercise, Hanford
- CSEPP National Workshop

Public Preparedness

Recirculating Air Filters

2009 Installed: 14

Shelter-in-Place Kit distribution to date: 18,414

Tone Alert Radio Distribution

New & replaced Year –To-Date: 270

Total distribution, life of program: 19,292

Tone Alert Radio Battery Replacements

Replacements since January 1: 51

Total replacements: 3183

Vulnerable Populations

Umatilla and Morrow County Emergency Management departments have been working with their vulnerable populations to assist them in preparing for any type of emergency, while maintaining their independence. The following agencies are participating in this effort:

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Community Action Program of East Central Oregon
Department of Human Services
Senior and Disabilities Services
Clearview Mediation and Disability Resource Center
Lifewise
Community Counseling Connection
American Red Cross
Umatilla County Public Health
Eastern Oregon Support Services Brokerage
Hospital Preparedness Program, Region 9

This group is currently working on applying for different community grants so that 1,482 individual 72-hour emergency kits can be purchased and distributed to those who have self-identified, or are currently registered with one of the participating agencies, as being vulnerable.

Public Information and Education

The Umatilla Public Information Group continue to work together to coordinate safety messages to the Umatilla Community. Activities include:

- Continued education in all schools in the IRZ and PAZ (joint presentations with Outreach Office)
- Spokesperson Training—March
- JIC/JIS Course—March
- Presentations and Information Fairs:
 - Pendleton First Citizen's Banquet
 - Umatilla-Morrow ESD Career Showcase
 - Seniors and Foster Grandparents
 - Irrigon Fish Hatcheries
 - Morrow County Children's Fair
 - CTUIR Wellness Gathering
 - Boomers and Senior Fair
- Media Campaign in February and April: Disaster Detectives.



With the start up of mustard (HD) incineration, the protective action recommendations for unsheltering have been modified. The modifications have been updated in all Emergency Alert System messages, and a public campaign is under way to inform the public of the new procedures, which include:

- Using waterproof gloves to remove plastic from shelter room door
- Opening outside doors to ventilate, rather than turning on ventilation systems
- Showering, if possible, putting on clean clothes
- Do not drive around until advised it is safe to do so

Golden Ticket Tour

Lt. Col. Bob Stein invited approximately 40 people from the Umatilla CSEPP community to take a three-hour tour of the Incineration Plant at Umatilla. The Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility began the final agent campaign (HD) on June 4, 2009 and is currently processing one ton containers. The tour, dubbed the “Golden Ticket Tour” due to its Willy Wonka inspired theme, included a stop at the “glove box” where the ton containers are vented off.

GOLDEN TICKET

Greetings to You the Lucky Bearer of This Golden Ticket

You are invited to **one free tour** of the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility to see the splendid mustard agent disposal process. This enlightening tour will start at the Umatilla Chemical Depot main gate parking lot promptly at 1 p.m. on April 2, 2009 and last about three hours.

Only persons who are pre-fitted with a protective mask will be allowed on the tour. Mask fittings will be held at the depot on **Mondays and Wednesdays, March 18, 23, and 25, from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.** Call the **Outreach Office** at 541-564-9339 no later than **Wednesday, March 18** to set up a day and time to be fitted for a mask. No beards or long mustaches allowed. No cameras, cell phone cameras, or lighters allowed on tour.

A Fabulous Chocolate Bar

is your reward on the day of the tour.

In your wildest dreams you cannot imagine the TOUR that awaits YOU!

Lt. Col. Bob “Willy Wonka” Stein

