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Depot plans exercise Aug. 5-11

Umatilla Chemical Depot, Hermiston, Ore. – Umatilla Chemical Depot officials will hold a quarterly emergency preparedness and security exercise starting Thursday, Aug. 5, and extending through Wednesday, Aug. 11.

At some point in the week-long exercise, the depot's sirens will be sounded, but not the community sirens.

This is a coordinated exercise between the depot, the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, external support agencies and the off-post communities.

Although this is only an exercise, such events are excellent opportunities for individuals – whether at home or work – to stop and ask themselves if they, their families, loved ones or co-workers know what to do if an actual emergency or security incident were to occur.

Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness officials recommend residents develop emergency plans for their homes and businesses. Anyone needing more information about emergency preparedness should phone the following CSEPP toll-free numbers: 1-877-367-2737 in Morrow and Umatilla counties, Ore., and 1-800-841-7953 in Benton County, Wash.

Citizens should report any suspicious activities in and around the depot to their local police departments or the depot at (541) 564-8632. Citizens are also reminded in these times of heightened security to be vigilant about their surroundings.

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