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## Umatilla Chemical Depot

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### Trace amount of chemical agent vapor detected

Umatilla Chemical Depot, Hermiston, Ore. - A depot chemical agent monitoring crew detected a trace amount of GB (sarin) chemical agent vapor this morning inside a depot storage structure storing 155mm projectiles.

The crew was conducting routine monitoring of this igloo with standard mobile air-monitoring equipment. The structure has a "passive" filter system, which prevents chemical agent vapor from escaping to the outside atmosphere. However, as a further protective measure, a powered-filter system was installed.

At no time was there danger to the public or the environment.

As is standard procedure, depot officials notify the public when such incidents occur. Also, off-post emergency operations centers in Umatilla and Morrow counties, Ore., Benton County, Wash., those in Oregon and Washington states, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality have been notified.

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