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Bomb processing resumes today

UMATILLA CHEMICAL DEPOT, Hermiston, Ore. – Munitions processing resumed today at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility after a six-day stoppage caused by last week's windstorm.

Bomb processing at the UMCDF was halted by 60-85 mile-per-hour winds, which knocked down power lines and toppled power poles last Friday at the depot. The depot and UMCDF relied upon back-up generator power until Saturday when power was restored to most of the depot.

Processing of 750-pound bombs containing GB Sarin chemical agent resumed shortly before noon today. During the stoppage, the UMCDF continued with several activities including planned work on the Deactivation Furnace System, brine processing and spent decontamination solution processing.

The facility has destroyed more than 70,000 munitions.

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