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## Umatilla Chemical Depot

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### Smoke fills small portion of Umatilla chemical weapons disposal plant

**UMATILLA CHEMICAL DEPOT, Hermiston, Ore.** – Smoke filled a small portion of the Liquid Incinerator (LIC) area of the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) at about 7 a.m. today, apparently due to blockage in a piping system. There were no injuries, and no danger to the community or environment.

All plant protective systems worked as designed. The incident is being investigated by Army officials.

During such events, the depot routinely notifies 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 Dept. of Environmental Quality.

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