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DEQ Names New Administrator For Umatilla Chemical Demilitarization Program

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has named Rich Duval as new administrator of its Hermiston-based Chemical Demilitarization Program. As administrator of the eight-person program, Duval is responsible for ensuring environmental compliance at the U.S. Army's Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility near Hermiston.

Duval started his DEQ career in 1987 as an environmental engineer and handled compliance inspections in the agency's air, water and solid waste programs. He has served as a DEQ hazardous waste compliance inspector since 1995 and has been responsible for overseeing Chemical Waste Management's commercial hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facility in Arlington.

Since September 2004, the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility has been incinerating chemical weapons that are stockpiled at the Umatilla Chemical Depot. DEQ monitors work at the incinerator and ensures that the facility follows regulations that protect the environment.

Duval has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Oregon State University. He replaces Dennis Murphey, who left the position last March to take an environmental post with the City of Kansas City, Mo.

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