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Umatilla Chemical Depot

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Depot plans drill Thursday

Umatilla Chemical Depot, Hermiston, Ore. – An emergency preparedness drill is scheduled for Thursday, March 30.

The depot's Westminster chimes will be sounded, but not the community sirens. This is a coordinated exercise between the depot, the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, and 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, and in these times of heightened security, be vigilant about their surroundings.

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.

General reminder: 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 to be vigilant about their surroundings.

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