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## Umatilla Chemical Depot

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### Trace of mustard chemical agent detected

**UMATILLA CHEMICAL DEPOT, Hermiston, Ore.** – Workers at the Umatilla Chemical Depot discovered a leaking mustard (HD) bulk container inside a storage “igloo” at about 3 p.m. today during routine monitoring operations. There was no danger to the public or environment.

The structure housing the chemical agent has a passive filter system that prevents chemical agent vapor from escaping to the outside environment. After a leaking munition is discovered, a powered filter system is installed as an additional protective measure. The leaking munition is then carefully isolated, and the leak is eliminated.

Though there was no danger to the public, depot officials notified off-post emergency operations centers in Umatilla and Morrow counties, Ore., Benton County, Wash., the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

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