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Umatilla Chemical Depot

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Farm tractor driven through fence at Umatilla Chemical Depot

Umatilla Chemical Depot, Hermiston, Ore. -A large farm tractor drove through a Umatilla Chemical Depot fence last night, and the driver abandoned it. The person responsible has not been apprehended. Security at the depot remains high.

The tractor did not get near the depot's chemical weapons storage area. Depot security and off-post law enforcement officials are investigating.

No damage was sustained to chemical munitions or the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF). The UMCDF is not processing chemical agent at this time.

Depot officials notified 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. Citizens should report any suspicious activities in and around the depot to their local police departments or the depot at (541) 564-8632. Citizens should be vigilant about their surroundings.

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