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Trace amounts of HD mustard vapor detected today

UMATILLA CHEMICAL DEPOT, Hermiston, Ore. – Trace amounts of HD mustard chemical agent vapor were detected today inside a storage structure or “igloo” that houses bulk containers. The leaking container will be identified, inspected, repaired as necessary, and decontaminated.

There is no danger to the public or environment. The igloos have a passive filtration system that prevents chemical agent vapor from escaping outside the structures.

Depot officials routinely notify the public when such incidents occur. Army officials also notify 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 Department of Environmental Quality.

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