

# **UMATILLA CHEMICAL DEPOT, OREGON (JOINT CROSS SERVICE GROUP – INDUSTRIAL)**

## **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDATION**

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Close Umatilla Chemical Depot, OR.

## **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JUSTIFICATION**

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No additional chemical demilitarization workload is slated to go to Umatilla Chemical Depot. The projected date for completion of its existing workload is 2nd quarter of 2011. There is no further use for Umatilla Chemical Depot.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

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The Umatilla Chemical Depot had been planning for closure since the initial 1988 BRAC realignment of the site. The installation wanted to be closed through the BRAC process to obtain funds to assist site personnel and the community with the post closure transition of the depot. The disposal of some existing facilities and land generated by the 1988 BRAC realignment stopped after the 9/11 attacks in response to increased security requirements for chemical weapons storage and disposal. Facilities and land that could have been disposed of became part of the protective buffer around the storage and chemical disposal facilities. The community wanted a final decision and determination on the future of the Umatilla Chemical Depot.

## **COMMISSION FINDINGS**

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The Commission found that the International Chemical Weapons Convention Treaty requires completion of the chemical demilitarization mission prior to closure of this depot. An examination of status information for this depot's mission completion and subsequent closure revealed that dates may slip beyond the six-year statutory period for completion of BRAC actions. Furthermore, mission completion and closure dates beyond 2011 exceed the BRAC implementation period.

## **COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Commission found that the Secretary of Defense deviated substantially from final selection criteria 1 and 4, as well as from the Force Structure Plan. Therefore, the Commission recommends the following:

On completion of the chemical demilitarization mission in accordance with Treaty obligations, close Umatilla Chemical Depot, OR.

The Commission found that this change and the recommendation as amended are consistent with the final selection criteria and the Force Structure Plan. The full text of this and all Commission recommendations can be found in Appendix Q.