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The full article can be found at: <http://wwwa.cao.go.jp/acw/en/jigyo.html>

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IRAN USED CHINA CONNECTION FOR NUKE GEAR: REPORT

Reuters in The Washington Post

April 03, 2010

"Western authorities are investigating whether an Iranian firm acquired valves and vacuum gauges used to enrich uranium through the representative of a Chinese firm, the Wall Street Journal reported on Saturday.

The report appeared as the United States sought China's support for a new round of sanctions to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons. Iran says its nuclear activities are peaceful and legitimate.

Purchase of the equipment could violate export sanctions. The newspaper cited a diplomat in Vienna as saying the International Atomic Energy Administration and western intelligence agencies were investigating.

The probe was sparked by a Jan. 14 email to IAEA. It alleged an Iranian firm, Javedan Mehr Toos (JMT), acquired the French-made valves through an intermediary who represented Zhejiang Ouhai Trade Corp, a subsidiary of Jinzhou Group, based in China, said the report."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/04/03/AR2010040302243.html>

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UMATILLA CHEMICAL DEPOT - DEPOT TO UNDERGO ARMY INSPECTION

US Army Chemical Materials Agency Weekly Update

April 01, 2010

"The Umatilla Chemical Depot and Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCF) are gearing up for a Chemical Surety Inspection (CSI) beginning next week.

The CSI, conducted by the Department of the Army Inspector General (DAIG) every couple years, probes all aspects of storage and handling of chemical weapons both at the depot and the disposal facility. This includes ensuring all employees are adhering to Army and URS rules and regulations.

For example, workers at the UMCDF must be able to demonstrate proper donning and doffing of their protective gas mask, and conduct an inspection and cleaning if requested. Other items the DAIG looks for include general safety measures, housekeeping and vehicle security.

The CSI team will spend the first week, April 5-9, at the depot, and then focus on the disposal facility the next week."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.cma.army.mil/fndocumentviewer.aspx?DocID=003682669>

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UMATILLA CHEMICAL DEPOT - EMERGENCY EXERCISE AT DEPOT NEXT THURSDAY

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April 01, 2010

"A quarterly emergency preparedness drill is scheduled for Thursday, April 8.

The depot's sirens 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.

Anyone needing more information about emergency preparedness should phone the following CSEPP toll-free numbers: (877) 367-2737 in Morrow and Umatilla counties, Ore., and (800) 841-7953 in Benton County, Wash. 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."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.cma.army.mil/fndocumentviewer.aspx?DocID=003682669>

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PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON UMATILLA DEPOT PLAN

By Annette Cary

The TriCity Herald

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"Dividing up the Umatilla Chemical Depot into areas for open space plus industrial, commercial and military use as envisioned by the Local Reuse Authority is the preferred plan in a new draft study open for public comment.

As the last of the Army chemical weapons stored at the depot are being incinerated, plans are being made by the Umatilla Army Depot Reuse Authority for the future of the depot's 20,000 acres. All the chemical agent could be incinerated by spring 2012. About 1,100 people are employed at the depot.

A public forum is planned April 15 for public input. Comments will be heard at the meeting

at 10 a.m. at the Umatilla Electric Co-op, 750 W. Elm St., Hermiston, or can be submitted at www.missionumatilla.com, where the draft report is posted.

Under the preferred alternative in the Draft Land Reuse Alternatives Report, the National Guard would use the northern portion of the depot. Land in the central, south-central and northeastern portions of the depot would be managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to preserve shrub steppe habitat.

Commercial and industrial applications could be developed in the far southeast corner along Interstate 84 and industrial use would be emphasized in the southwestern corner near interstates 82 and 84 and along the existing rail line.

One concept being considered for the administrative area of the depot is institutional use, perhaps by the state for the Oregon National Guard, Oregon Department of Transportation, the state police and emergency services."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2010/04/05/964140/public-input-sought-on-umatilla.html#ixzz0kDn18Sul>

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