
SPILL RESPONSE TEAM GETS A THUMBS UP

DDJC's Fire Department received a vote of confidence during a recent mock spill exercise. The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion & Preventive Medicine conducted the exercise on November 1 at the Tracy site.

Warehouse 28 was the scene of a simulated accident in which a forklift caused a pallet of water filled 25-gallon drums to spill. The water simulated sulfuric acid.

Exercise participants responded as they would in an actual spill. The warehouse was evacuated, the Emergency Services dispatcher was called, and the Fire Department arrived on the scene.

After suiting up in personal protective equipment, the fire fighters assessed the nature and extent of the spill. Under the watchful eye of the environmental engineers evaluating the exercise, the fire fighters went through all the procedures for a spill clean up. The after action report concluded:

- a) The command and control of response actions were decisive and well coordinated;
- b) The spill response team functioned well together and worked efficiently in the spill area; and
- c) The areas of the spill response that are noted for improvement did not have a negative effect on the response effort.



DDJC firefighters wearing Tyvek suits and self-contained breathing apparatus clean up a simulated spill of sulfuric acid near the warehouse 28 dock.

GSA/DDJC PARTNER ON FT. IRWIN SHIPMENTS

DDJC, in conjunction with the General Services Administration, started a 90-day test in November 2000 combining freight from the two organizations headed for the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, CA. The freight is being shipped via DDJC's Dedicated Truck service leaving the depot Sunday through Thursday.

GSA, who ships approximately one million pounds a year to Fort Irwin, requested the partnership. GSA palletizes and marks their freight and is accountable for discrepancies involving overages or shortages.

DDJC freight takes priority over the GSA material, when the truck cannot accommodate all the scheduled freight. The result of this partnership is expected to yield lower transportation costs, reduced transit time, and greater customer service.



Freight Terminal material handler Edwin Galicinao gets a pallet of GSA paper ready for shipment to Ft. Irwin. There is a 30-day test underway to determine the benefits of partnering with GSA on items destined for the National Training Center.

DISTRIBUTION CENTER 2000

A major milestone in Distribution Center 2000 was accomplished recently in Whse 16. The \$5 million bin mechanization project started in May 1999 and completed in June 2000 was officially opened when DDC Commander Brig. Gen. James Pillsbury, toured the depot on Aug. 16.

The bins expanded from 55,000 locations to 250,000 locations as a second deck was added.

This bin expansion project will enable the Tracy site to handle storage of all DDJC bin items.



DDC Commander, BG James Pillsbury, USA, second from left, handed the ceremonial scissors to bin leaderman Bob Stevenson to officially open the Whse 16 double deck bin project. Joining them are Jay Jennings, left, chief of the Bin Division, and DDJC Commander, COL John Marx.