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River Corridor Closure Project Mission

Complete the safe, compliant and efficient cleanup of the River Corridor by 2013.

Equipment transfer aids work, saves money

The River Corridor Closure (RCC) Project has acquired more than \$1 million in critical laboratory and portable radiation detection equipment for only the cost of shipping it from the Department of Energy's Mound site in Miamisburg, Ohio.

"The equipment transfer was accomplished through a partnership between the Mound staff, DOE and RCC Project staff," said Joe DeMers, Radiological Control Technical Support manager. "Both the RCC Project and Mound benefited from the transfer – we now have equipment that has been in short supply and needed for our radiological work at minimal cost. Mound was obligated to remove the equipment from the site to support completion of the Miamisburg Closure Project."

The equipment included both stationary laboratory and portable field equipment. "The stationary laboratory equipment has nearly tripled the Radiological Counting Facility staff's ability to meet the analysis and sample turn-around times needed by the field projects," Joe said.

In addition, the RCC Project acquired a mobile laboratory trailer. "The trailer will allow the Radiological Counting Facility staff to open a satellite counting facility closer to the 100 Area projects," Joe said.

Joe added that the portable instruments will be deployed to the field as soon as they are inspected and calibrated. Joe noted that the extra efforts of Mark Kornish and Dave Brehm were critical in this effort. "Both of them took the initiative to ensure that the RCC Project obtained the needed equipment."



Mark Kornish (pictured checking a germanium detector) and David Brehm, both of Radiological Control Technical Support, were instrumental in obtaining more than \$1 million in critical laboratory and portable radiation detection equipment for only the cost of shipping it from DOE's Mound site.

You could help save a life

Practice makes perfect and in an emergency, it could save a life. That's why River Corridor Closure (RCC) Project employees at Hanford Square had a chance to see how automated external defibrillators, or AEDs, operate.

The demonstration was part of a recent safety presentation hosted by the Hanford Square LSIT committees. "The machines are user-friendly, but in an emergency, it might help to have seen how to operate one," said John Crigler, visual communications specialist.



John organized the presentation after employee AED training saved his neighbor's life. The victim, a utility lineman, suffered a heart attack while on the job and his coworkers, who were recently trained with the AED, were able to respond immediately. "The emergency room doctor said it was the coworkers' fast-action use of the machine that saved the man's life."

At the presentation, AdvancedMed Hanford representative Fernando Medina-del Valle demonstrated how to prepare a victim and operate the defibrillator. Upon opening the unit, an automated voice provides simple operating instructions. Two patches attached to the body analyze heart rhythms and deliver an electric shock to restore rhythm in the case of cardiac arrest.

A joint AED and CPR safety session is being planned to train employees in emergency response with the equipment.

Small business awarded ERDF transportation subcontract

Integrated Logistics Services Inc. (ILSI) was awarded new transportation duties for ERDF in June.

ILSI, a small, women-owned business based in Richland is one of the small businesses participating in Washington Closure Hanford's Mentor-Protégé Program. "ILSI is a pre-selected subcontractor identified in the River Corridor Closure (RCC) Contract proposal. The selection was based on its previous experience on the Rocky Flats Closure Project," said Dennis Houston, Procurement and Property Management manager.

"We've had two ILSI employees working with us since last August managing our property function. When the ERDF transportation subcontract came up for re-bid, we met with ILSI management and decided that working together would benefit all of us," Dennis said

The subcontract involves removing containers loaded with contaminated material and debris from waste sites and transporting them to ERDF for disposal. "This is the first time ILSI has provided transportation services for a subcontract of this complexity and size," Dennis said.

"Alone, ILSI wasn't financially able to purchase the equipment needed for the work. However, because it's involved in the Mentor-Protégé Program, we were able to help the company purchase the necessary trucks and trailers."

Dennis said another protégé, TerranearPMC, has been partnered with Envirocon, an environmental remediation subcontractor, in an effort to help the small, disadvantaged business from Exton, Penn., gain experience and move from simple engineering contracts to full-service contracts. "We hope to successfully combine the businesses' cleanup abilities in the 300 Area in the near future," Dennis explained.



Rick Dahlen, Integrated Logistic Services Inc. president, inspects the first four of 18 new trucks the protégé firm will soon place into service as part of its new ERDF transportation subcontract.

The RCC Contract specifies that Washington Closure will mentor at least two small businesses during the life of the contract. The mentor-protégé program was established by the Department of Energy and the Small Business Administration to encourage federal prime contractors to assist small disadvantaged, minority, veteran and women-owned businesses.

Both protégés are helping the RCC Project achieve its goal to subcontract 65 percent of its cleanup work to small businesses. "We've carved out pieces of

Eight AEDs have been installed throughout RCC Project sites.

Take a moment to find the AED nearest you in the following locations:

100N, 1103/MO-415 and 1120

100F, MO-780

100K, MO 755

100B/C, MO-474

ERDF, MO-607

300 Area, MO-324 and 3746

Hanford Square 2

Hands-on archeology

River Corridor Closure Project Cultural Resource Supervisor Tom Marceau gave 30 seventh and eighth graders a hands-on experience in archeology in his presentation at the ninth annual Preparing for Academic Excellence (PACE) education program for Native American students July 17-28 at Lewis-Clark State College.

"I helped them develop an understanding for what archeology is," Tom said. "I showed them how we use it to interpret their ancestors' materials to know who they were and how they did things."

The conference helps young Native Americans combine math and applied sciences in demonstrations, field trips and experiments to foster an appreciation for archeological, environmental and cultural preservation.

"We tried to get kids to look at how math and sciences are important to every day life and potential careers, in addition to how they relate to culture and their tribal ancestors," Tom said.

Tom supervises the RCC Project's archeological preservation in conjunction with cleanup activities. He has given public presentations to audiences of all ages about archeology, but this is his first

our scope specifically for our protégé companies," Dennis said. "We plan ways to take our expertise and assist them in enhancing and expanding their business."

As of July, Washington Closure has awarded 87 percent of its subcontracted dollars to small business, significantly exceeding its goal of 65 percent.

Mary Funk crosses the pond

A guru, a go-to, a great mentor in Procurement – fellow River Corridor Closure (RCC) Project subcontract specialists can call friend and co-worker Mary Funk whatever they want, but now they'll have to call her long-distance.

The Funks moved to Cumbria, England, last month for Mary's husband's job. While she looks forward to English culture – everything from the tea to the tabloids – Mary said she'll miss her co-workers. "Small businesses and contracts are a vital part to the RCC Project," Mary said. "I'm really going to miss the social aspect of this job."

Mary started her 20-year Hanford career as an 18-year-old Hanford High School student in the Future Business Leaders of America Program. At the RCC Project, Mary managed subcontracts, handled purchase orders and was the primary contact for almost all of the small businesses subcontracted with the RCC Project.

"Mary has been the information center for procurement and our report guru," said Belinda Youngs, subcontract specialist. "We'll miss her knowledge and expertise."

"She has a strong sense of organization and responsibility. She's been a great mentor and the small business community will miss her," said Erica McCaw, subcontract specialist.

"Mary's leaving left a large hole in our group – it's like losing a family member," said Paula Rosenberger, subcontract specialist. "Her knowledge of the small business community was unbelievable and she always had whatever information we needed at her finger tips."

For now, Mary's small business responsibilities are being handled by Paula, Mike Hughes and Jill Doel from Procurement. Erica is managing Mary's active subcontracts.



Co-workers wished Mary Funk (right) well at her going-away party before she and her family departed for England.

presentation at PACE. The event was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and RCC parent company Washington Group International. "This program builds ties with Native American communities and shows them how and why we are trying to preserve tribal history," Tom said. "More importantly, it recognizes our concern for archeology at Hanford and our goal to ensure our cleanup activities don't destroy it."

New "heads-up" planned

You'll soon have the chance to learn more about what's happening in Quality Assurance and Services (QA&S).

"QA&S is following the lead of Safety in communicating important functional area information to RCC Project staff," said Ardis Rukavina, senior quality assurance engineer. "Employees will soon start receiving "Quality Assurance Heads-up" messages. These email messages will provide information about identification and resolution of quality problems and describe continuous quality improvement activities."

For further information, please contact Ardis at 372-9905 or Lou Simmons at 372-9438.

Please be safe as you celebrate Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 4. This year marks the 112th year that Labor Day has been recognized as an official national holiday.

Comments or questions?

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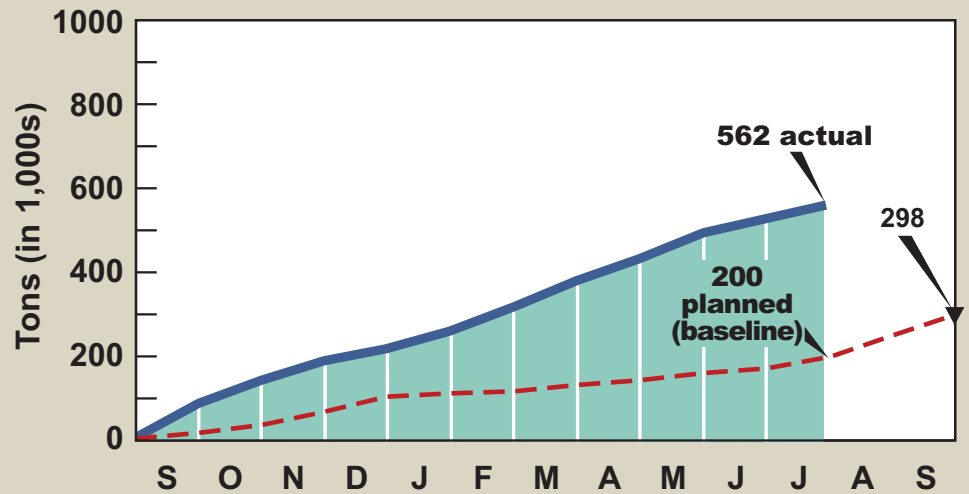
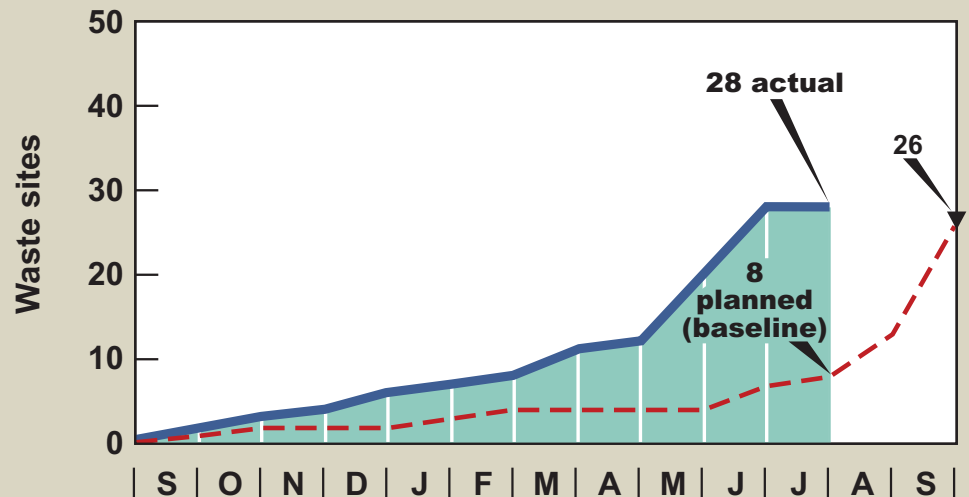
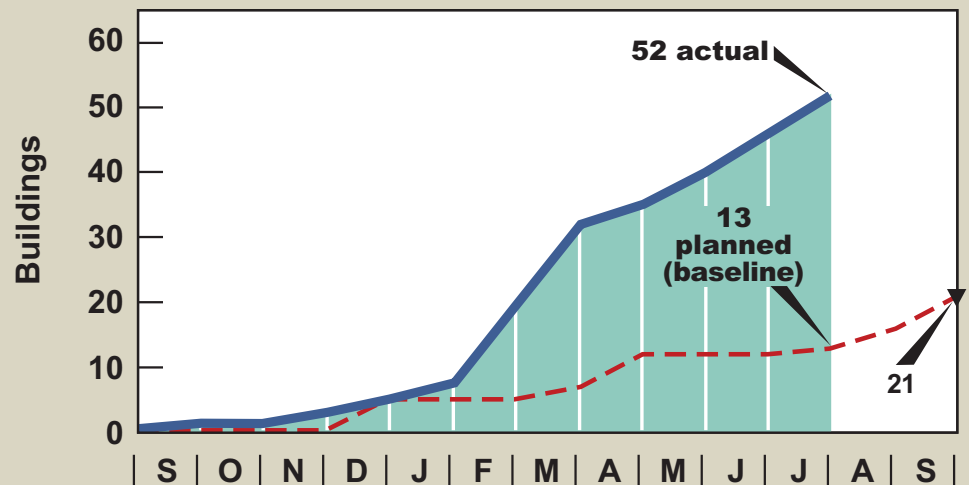
A glimpse at cleanup results

The River Corridor Closure Project is making a difference at Hanford.

The tables below depict the planned and actual accomplishments for the current fiscal year.

Note: Current "baseline" chart numbers are from the provisionally approved Integrated Baseline Plan and represent planned work.

Cleanup results



As of July 2006