

## The Maywood Project Site

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### Safety Milestone Is No Accident at Maywood Site

**T**he FUSRAP Maywood Site recently reached a safety milestone of 1,000 days without a lost workday incident. The achievement was marked at an onsite event on October 16. The project team heard from Army Corps New York District Engineer Colonel Aniello L. Tortora, who thanked them for their stellar safety record. He noted that safety is the number one objective at all Corps work locations, adding that the Maywood Site safety program can serve as a model for other remediation sites the Corps manages under its Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program. Col. Tortora praised the team for establishing a “culture of safety” at all levels of such a diverse and challenging project.



*Colonel Tortora speaking to the Maywood project team at the recent safety award presentation. At right is John Sauger of Shaw.*

Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure, the Corps’ prime contractor at Maywood, was represented by John Sauger, Senior Vice President, Operations Management, and Bob Brooks, Shaw’s Environmental Health & Safety Manager. Brooks remarked that safety is more than a priority at Shaw, but rather a core value, since priorities can change but values are an ongoing commitment. He remarked that the Maywood Site’s safety record was particularly impressive given that project work sites are close to active businesses, residences and busy roadways. Brooks and Sauger then presented a Shaw President’s Award plaque to Shaw Project Manager Andy Mills in honor of the milestone. Mills accepted the award on behalf of the entire project team, noting that the site’s enviable safety record could only come through teamwork and a recognition that safety is everyone’s responsibility.

The 1,000 day period without a lost-time accident covers July 2003 through May 2006. A lost-time accident refers to an injury or illness that involves days away from work and/or days of restricted work duty. Since July 2003, over 600,000 work hours have been safely performed on the project.



## Partners on the Road to Cleanup

The FUSRAP Maywood Superfund Site is located in a highly urbanized area of northeastern New Jersey. A total of 88 properties have been identified as part of the Site. These are known as vicinity properties under FUSRAP and include a mix of residential, commercial and a few government-owned sites. All of the residential properties have been remediated. Under the leadership of Project Manager Allen Roos and Contracting Officer Representative Danny Lee, the Corps is currently addressing the remaining commercial and government vicinity properties, most of which house active operations.



*The NJ motor vehicle inspection station at Lodi (background) is in full operation as cleanup excavations move forward.*



*A driver's license applicant takes a road test just outside the cleanup work fence line.*

### Working With A Key Stakeholder

Impacts to vicinity property operations during site remediation are unavoidable. The Corps' challenge is to safely and efficiently conduct its cleanups while minimizing these impacts. One of the more challenging properties at the FUSRAP Maywood Site is a 14-acre tract owned by the State of New Jersey, where more than four acres (nearly one-third of the total site area) is being impacted by remedial activities. The property, located in the Borough of Lodi, houses a New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) business office, vehicle inspection station and driver testing facility. The Lodi MVC agency processes more driver's licenses and permits than any other MVC office in the state. Vehicle inspections at the facility total nearly 100,000 annually, while the driver testing unit road tests approximately 7,000 applicants a year, including commercial license applicants. Clearly, the challenge of conducting a complex remediation project in the midst of such a busy and important stakeholder operation is immense.

Remedial construction at the MVC property is now well underway, but pre-construction coordination between Corps and MVC management began as early as December 2003. Recognizing the importance of the Lodi facility to the motoring public, the Corps reached out to MVC officials to initiate discussions on the pending cleanup. This contact was soon followed by a briefing by Mr. Roos to several dozen

facility employees, covering topics such as FUSRAP Maywood Site history, contaminants of concern, radiation safety, and cleanup plans and schedule. A second briefing for another 40 employees was provided in February 2006, immediately preceding the start of full scale remediation. This brief included presentation of results of an indoor air survey at the agency office, which was performed by the Corps at the request of MVC employees. In addition to Roos, project specialists in health physics, construction and community involvement participated in this event.

Logistical coordination to mesh the Corps' cleanup work with MVC operations required a separate series of detailed meetings and follow-on communications. At least

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five onsite meetings between the Corps and various MVC officials and contractor representatives were held over the course of 2005 in the run-up to remedial action. These meetings included site walkovers identifying areas to be impacted by the cleanup, and review of site plans and drawings proposing layouts for simultaneous remediation and MVC operations. Inputs solicited from MVC during these discussions were addressed in subsequent revisions to the plans, and a mutually acceptable final plan was developed in late 2005.

Successful coordination by the Corps and MVC resulted in mobilization to the MVC site by Shaw Environmental, the Corps' remedial contractor, in January 2006. Early activities included test pitting, installation of temporary fencing, and establishment of environmental controls and radiation restriction zones. Full scale remediation began in late March. Meanwhile, MVC's busy operations have continued unabated, and Corps project management remains committed to working with the agency to address any issues that may arise over the expected cleanup duration of one year.

Sal Panico, MVC's Manager of Building Services & Maintenance, is the Corps' primary point of contact on the Lodi project. He had this to say about working with the FUSRAP Maywood team: "As the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's representative on this project, it has been a pleasure to deal with the Army Corp of Engineers and their contractor, Shaw Environmental. Their combined expertise and professionalism has really made a difference in what could otherwise been a very problematic project. As one of New Jersey's busiest MVC locations, we were a little apprehensive how such a large project could be accomplished without major interruption to our services, but through careful planning and cooperation there have been no interruption of services for the citizens of the State. This has been a wonderful example of the Federal, State and the private sector working together."



## Community Outreach

The Army Corps Public Information Center in Maywood is your community resource for "one stop shopping" on our project. The center's staff has assisted hundreds of residents, business people, local officials, students and others find information on many aspects of our work. From basic

information like the current status of our cleanups to more technical items like the science and engineering behind what we do, the Public Information Center is there to help you stay informed and involved in the FUSRAP Maywood Superfund Site cleanup. We are conveniently located in the commercial heart of Maywood, with free on-street parking available:

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