FUSRAP Maywood Project Surpasses One Million Safe Work Hours Without a Lost Time Accident

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers team at the Maywood, New Jersey Superfund Site closed out 2008 in safe style by surpassing one million work hours without a lost time accident on December 31. The Corps and its environmental restoration contractor Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure are addressing the site under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). The scope of work includes site characterization, remedial design and remedial excavation of site properties. Work activities include excavation of radioactively contaminated soil and impacted underground structures, truck transport, railcar loading, construction dewatering, treatment and discharge, onsite laboratory analysis, and property restoration, including utility removal and replacement. The one million hours represents two-thirds of the more than 1.5 million hours worked since the Corps mobilized to the Maywood site in early 1999. The last lost time accident was recorded in August 2003. A lost time accident is one that results in days away from work or days on restricted duty.

This milestone truly reflects a team effort and shared commitment to safety on the part of the Army Corps, Shaw and project craft labor and subcontractors. The Corps specifically recognizes the following key team members for their roles in this success:

U.S. Army Corps: Michael Johnson, John Kenney, Sterret Daniels, Ken Maley, Kam Chan, Ray Lo, David Hays

Shaw: Andy Mills, Chad Miller, Rene Garo, Mike Winters, Don Ellis, Clyde McKinney

The milestone was marked by a short on-site awards ceremony on Feb. 11, 2009 (see photo) attended by Lt. Col. Kenneth McDonald, deputy commander and deputy district engineer for the Corps' New York District Lt. Col. McDonald congratulated the assembled Maywood team on their achievement and presented Commander's Certificates of Appreciation to key team leaders. Bill Winkler, president of E&I Group's Federal unit, was also on hand to add his congratulations and present a Targeting Zero safety award on behalf of Shaw. Later in the day, an appreciation dinner for the entire Maywood team was held at a local restaurant.



Left to right: Andy Mills-Shaw, Bill Winkler-Shaw, Allen Roos-USACE, Col. Kenneth McDonald-USACE at the February 11 ceremony.

The Corps has completed cleanups at 16 Maywood site properties and is actively addressing four several others under the current phase of the project. All of the properties house active businesses or government offices located within one of the most densely populated areas of the country. Over 212,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil have been excavated and shipped offsite to permitted disposal facilities, and more than 18 million gallons of water from excavation dewatering have been treated onsite and discharged to the public sanitary sewer system under a permit with the local utility.