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Clinical Acclaim

TOCDF Earns Prestigious National 2011 Corporate Health Achievement Award

A phone call to the TOCDF Medical Clinic on Tuesday, Jan. 18, gave URS Medical Director Dr. Gary Matravers the news he had been waiting and hoping for - it was the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) calling to tell him the URS-operated TOCDF Clinic had won the medical society's prestigious 2011 Corporate Health Achievement Award (CHAA).

URS Clinic Coordinator II Melanie Harvey, who had helped prepare the TOCDF application over the course of two years, said the caller identified himself as being from ACOEM, and as she transferred the call to Dr. Matravers whom she could see sitting in his office, she hoped for a good reaction.

Matravers told *TOCDF This Week*, "I gave two thumbs-up to Melanie, and I smiled and went, "hooah."

That meant it was really, really good.

Matravers was told URS would be the sole 2011 CHAA recipient, and that the award would be presented in March at ACOEM's annual meeting in Washington, DC.

In an e-mail to URS TOCDF executive and senior managers, Matravers said, "This is exciting news and the culmination of many hours of work done by many individuals both in and out of the clinic. I thank all of you



On Tuesday, Jan. 18, the day the TOCDF Medical Clinic was notified it had won the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine's (ACOEM's) 2011 Corporate Health Achievement Award, the clinic was staffed by these URS employees: Foreground, from left, Melanie Harvey (Coordinator II) and Elaine Breitweiser (Occupational Health Nurse). Back row, from left: Dr. Gary Matravers (Medical Director); John Kuehn (Medical Services Manager); Terry North (Paramedic); Mike Whitmore (Paramedic); Phil Scott (Coordinator III); Rex Griffiths (Paramedic); Bob Jensen (Paramedic); and Kevin Rarick (Physician Assistant).

for your support and encouragement."

The TOCDF pursuit of the CHAA award began in 2009, after URS and Battelle here earned another prestigious award - "Star" safe worksite status in the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Voluntary Protection Program (OSHA's VPP). Matravers said OSHA VPP reviewers had said many good things about the TOCDF Clinic and its people and processes, and as

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a physician member of ACOEM, he figured maybe it was worth trying for his professional organization's CHAA award. ACOEM reportedly was founded in 1916, and claims to be "the nation's largest medical society dedicated to promoting the health of workers through preventive medicine, clinical care, research and education."

The first ACOEM CHAA awards were presented in 1997, and since then 28 companies have received the distinction, including Caterpillar, Inc, Eli Lilly and Company, Boeing, the U.S. National Security Agency at Fort Meade, Md., and most recently, in 2010, Baptist Health in Miami, Fla.

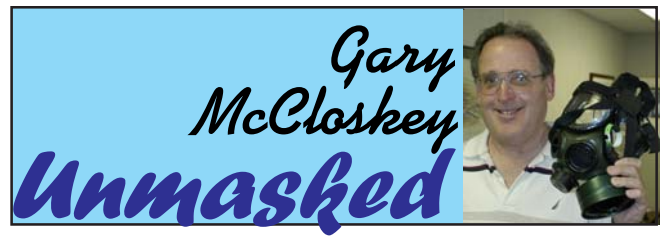
The TOCDF's pursuit was a challenging one. The TOCDF did not win the CHAA after submitting its first application for 2010. However, ACOEM bolstered TOCDF hopes by awarding URS and the Clinic with a 2010 Exemplary Practice Citation, noting URS' occupational health case management system was a "best practice" that enhanced employee safety and productivity while minimizing costs.

After TOCDF officials tweaked their application for another CHAA attempt, a two-person ACOEM inspection team visited the demil site last December, resulting in a very favorable report which must have been persuasive for ACOEM's CHAA voters. The report said, "Based on the site visit, we were impressed with the overall environmental, safety and surety "ESS" controls in place. The rigor of the safety standards exceeds expectations. The involvement of all employees in assessing safety and assuring that their peers are compliant is commendable."

Site inspectors singled out several programs as excellent: the TOCDF Condition Reporting (CR) system, for providing "a vehicle for employee input on safety and environmental issues;" integrated hazard control programs; emergency preparedness/disaster training; and the Clinic's usage of its Medical Monitoring Inventory (MMI) database. "Having over 13 years of data to review/analyze and determine the effectiveness of your various health, safety and environmental programs is good. The security measures described to protect medical information are good and the fact that only a limited number of individuals have access to medical data is important," they wrote.

Referring to the TOCDF's 2010 Exemplary Practice Award for case management, the inspectors suggested URS could improve by providing on-site programs addressing major health risks of employees. The application noted the Safety Action Team's (SAT's) "Two Tons Down" weight loss contest was being planned. Inspectors wrote, "You have created an outstanding "culture of safety" at TOCDF, and now you should use the same model to develop a "culture of health.""

The SAT's "Two Tons Down" weight loss competition was launched on January 3.



Monday, Jan. 17, gave us some of the nicest weather any of us ever could ever expect at this time of year in Utah. Temperatures were in the mid-50's, the sun was shining, and it was just great outside.

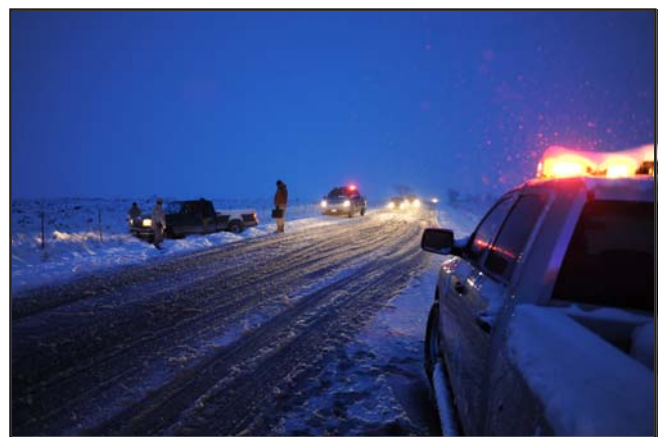
Yesterday, though, just two days later, the snow was back, thankfully for only a few hours, but the temperatures had fallen back into the 30's.

The weather wasn't much better back east. On Tuesday, we were expecting a visit from Col. Bob Billington, the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency's project manager for Chemical Stockpile Elimination. Unfortunately, weather-related flight delays forced him to cancel the trip.

What I'm getting at is, we've still got a lot of winter left. Each of us easily can recognize how treacherous roads can so quickly become. The harder part is taking road conditions into account and then changing the way we drive. Exercising more caution. Going slower.

Last month, there were a couple accidents on Stark Road. Luckily, nobody was hurt in either one. A Battelle employee, driving the pick-up truck seen on the left in the photograph below, slid off the icy pavement and hit the depot's wire fence. A couple days later, the ice had melted and Stark Road was just wet and foggy, but a Deseret Chemical Depot security guard leaving the site still lost control of his car at the 90 degree turn and was heading straight into an oncoming government truck driven by a URS employee (see photos, next page). Evasive driving by the URS worker prevented a

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Deseret Chemical Depot security officers survey a morning accident scene on Stark Road, on Tuesday, Dec. 21. A Battelle employee lost control of his pick-up truck on the icy road and ended up with front end of his vehicle planted in the depot's fence.

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more serious accident, but both vehicles were damaged.

Driving in icy or wet conditions is challenging enough, but something I have a difficult time understanding is why, every day it seems, I'm being passed on Stark Road by at least one, and often more drivers who are in such a hurry, they've got to speed around me presumably to get home a few minutes faster. Yet what they're doing is creating additional risk of an accident, risk that includes me, even though I'm the one who's "driving friendly."

All I can really ask is that we all pay attention - attention to the conditions of the road that can change so quickly at this time of year, and pay attention to the speed limits while inside the depot. I hope you would do the same outside the main gate, if only because it's the right thing to do. Accidents cause pain, and I learned a long time ago neither brings any value-added.



On Thursday, Dec. 23, a Deseret Chemical Depot worker leaving the site lost control of his car (in photo above) at the 90 degree turn on Stark Road, colliding with a government pick-up truck driven by a URS employee. A potential head-on collision was averted when the URS employee swerved into the oncoming lane, unfortunately still getting clipped on the right fender (below) by the other vehicle. Road conditions were wet and foggy.



Pine Bluff CPRP Phase-Out

With the elimination of the chemical agent stockpile late last year at Pine Bluff (Ark.) Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (PBCDF), officials last week began phasing-out the site's Chemical Personnel Reliability Program (CPRP) with the administrative terminations of 329 of 333 Pine Bluff CPRP employees.

Most of the 329 workers remain employed, but with no more surety material on site, CPRP certification, in most cases, no longer is required. That has set into motion a process of CPRP administrative termination.

Only four employees remain in the Pine Bluff CPRP, officials say, because Army site leadership wanted a few workers available who know how to use surety keys and locks, even though they're no longer needed to prevent access to agent and munitions.

Benefit Concert and Auction Set

A benefit concert and silent auction is scheduled at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27, at Stansbury High School Auditorium, for Cassie Stewart, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer. She's the wife of URS TOCDF Engineering Technologist Corey Stewart. For more information on the event, including how to purchase tickets for the "Forever Blue" concert (\$8.00 per person) and auction, please contact KC Morris at X7882.

PLANS FOR NEXT WEEK

- Continue "early opportunity" decommissioning work targeting feed conveyers in the Unpack Area and Multi-Position Loader (MPL) in the Munitions Corridor
- Plan work orders for decommissioning of Multipurpose Demil Machines (MDMs)
- Continue fabricating more transfer tons for mustard ton container processing

Submitted by Work Week Analyst Kristene Hansen

Condolences

TOCDF This Week sends sincere condolences to URS Secondary Waste Campaign Manager Tonya Elkington, whose mother, Jaunelle Dyer, recently died at age 71. Also, sympathies to our chem demil colleagues in Umatilla, Ore., who are mourning the accidental death of an off-duty employee last weekend.

Jim Ramos, a URS Maintenance supervisor, died from injuries he suffered in a recreational all-terrain vehicle (ATV) accident. Ramos had worked at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) since September 2005. He was 42.