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Moab Mill Tailings Project Ships Maximum Trainload Project Also Completes State Route 279 Underpass Construction

Grand Junction, CO — On January 7, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Project shipped a trainload carrying 136 containers of mill tailings—the maximum number of containers that can be shipped in a single train. The loading of the train was accomplished in one work shift.

The train was shipped from Moab, Utah, 30 miles north to the disposal cell constructed near Crescent Junction, Utah. This shipment held about 4,700 tons of tailings, bringing the total quantity shipped to more than 680,000 tons. More than 40 percent of this quantity, or 278,000 tons, was shipped using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding.

“We were confident that we could reach the 136-container mark sometime in February,” said Federal Project Director Donald Metzler. “Through the dedicated teamwork of many, we reached this milestone early. This is a key marker in our effort to maintain safe, sustained shipments at this level.”

Additionally, construction of an underpass of State Route 279, which transects the Moab Project site, began in mid-September and was completed in December. The underpass is used by project trucks hauling tailings containers to and from the rail load out area, and thus avoids more than 500 potential interactions with public traffic on the state highway each day. This safety enhancement was also funded through ARRA.

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