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### **Moab UMTRA Project Celebrates Safety Milestone**

(Grand Junction, CO) — The U.S. Department of Energy’s Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Project hit a major milestone last week achieving 1,000 work days without a lost-time injury or illness as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. During this time period, more than 140 employees have safely logged over 600,000 work hours, excavated 1.25 million cubic yards of mill tailings, and shipped 1.4 million tons of material.

“Safety is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, and determination. Because our project has a small workforce, we all feel the pain if someone gets hurt,” said Federal Cleanup Director Russell McCallister. “Working 1,000 days safely and doubling our waste shipments during that time is nothing less than outstanding. It is an honor to work alongside such a talented, motivated, and inspirational group of people.”

“A healthy and successful safety program requires employee commitment and contributions from all involved. This milestone is a testament to the project’s safety culture and the personnel who have contributed,” Project Manager Greg Church said. “As a project, we will continue to strive for excellence and look forward to more achievements and continued success in the future.”

The Remedial Action Contractor, North Wind Portage, and the Technical Assistance Contractor, S&K Logistics Services, are the Moab UMTRA Project’s primary contractors. The project has relocated more than 60 percent of the mill tailings pile from the Moab site to the Crescent Junction disposal cell and in February 2019, expanded its workforce to accommodate increased shipments.

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