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Well, actually, we don't know yet. The panel of judges is still behind closed doors choosing the winner of RMC of California's "Name That Stone" online contest. Find out who won and what the stone will be named.

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The Good:

The project has been a successful collaboration with two major subcontractors. Environmental Abatement Services (EAS, Inc.) has provided materials and labor for installing Visquine truck liners for containment of the asbestos contaminated materials (ACM) as well as the labor to spray water for dust control (zero tolerance is required and continuously monitored). Concrete Express has provided the side dump haul trucks and ACM trained drivers. RMCI has provided labor and equipment for loading operations as well as the management of all work activities. A total of 26,205 cubic yards of soil has been hauled to the DADS landfill. Parsons Corporation is the prime contractor to the City and County of Denver and HWS is the environmental consultant hired by the City to oversee the environmental challenges of the project. Everyone has worked together to ensure that a successful project will result from the team efforts.

The Bad:

The weather has raised havoc with scheduling, with the site conditions (mud and water), and with



below freezing temperatures (have you ever sprayed water to keep dust down when temperatures are hovering at 32 degrees?). Anticipation of weather conditions and ensuring that all personnel are working in a safe environment was a daily challenge that was managed exceptionally well.

The Ugly:

A 12-inch sewer line crossing the site was encountered while excavating for placement of 2" diameter riprap. The interruption of flow occurred mid-morning and with the assistance of Tierdael Construction (a contractor certified to work on city utilities) a repair was quickly made and completed by 4:00 p.m. and construction adjacent to the sewer line

being constructed. Contract completion is scheduled for May 7, however, if the weather gods shine on us, an earlier completion

RMCI Invests in Global Positioning System (GPS)

Currently in use at Park Hill, this equipment consists of a base and a rover. The rover provides horizontal and vertical control at any point on the project site. Data is transmitted from the base to a minimum of five orbiting satellites and back to the rover. Accurate positioning (within 0.1 foot) is provided by this equipment. Future uses for this equipment will include installation on blades, dozers, excavators, etc. to provide "real-time" hydraulically controlled machines.

RETEK in California

By Mark Wachal

In January, RMC of California took delivery of a RETEK-manufactured Startrack Impact crusher for use as their primary and on-grade mobile recycle plant. It's the second RETEK manufactured recycle plant in the USA, the first is used by RMCI in Colorado. Secondary recycle equipment include mobile RETEK plants: a Startrack Cone crusher and a Jumbo screen. RMCI crew experience and Ken Buesing's equipment fabrication background and insight has served as a practical research and development resource for the manufacture of these plants. The fleet will be showcased at El Toro, the next "World's Largest Recycle Project". RMC of CA is proud to exhibit our recycling skills and experience while utilizing state-

Taking Lead

By Dave Rodgers

The Aspen School District has hired contractor, G.E. Johnson to construct their new middle school, using the LEED green building program as a guideline for their construction standards. RMCI has been asked to spearhead the final phase of the project; the demolition and recycling of the demolished materials from the old school building. Up to 80% of the old Aspen Middle School building will be recycled. Recycled concrete, asphalt and masonry can be used in transportation and landscaping applications or made into ready mix concrete; wood, ceiling tiles, glass and steel will also be reused. RMCI is on the front lines with green building in Aspen and will participate in green building projects across the nation.

SEEING WHITE? BY DAVE EDEL

On December 21, following Denver's blizzard, RMCI received a call asking if we could provide two front-end loaders to help the City of Denver remove snow from parking areas in several of the downtown shopping districts. Stan Duarte, Louis Bustamante, Buddy Miller, Kevin Bennett and Joe Montoya operated these loaders around the clock moving snow. Amazingly, RMCI crews worked the next eight weeks with a fleet of seven loaders, a motor

grader, three skid steer loaders and numerous trucks removing the snow from Denver streets. There are two major snow piles that we created; one at Bible Park on Yale Ave. and the other at All City Stadium on Franklin St. These piles were about 12 ft. high and the size of several football fields. Our crews worked 12-hour shifts, sometimes seven days a week and spent nearly 4700 hours clearing snow and ice.

In addition to the operators who started in December, we would like to thank all the operators and maintenance personnel who spent their time making this a successful

project: Jovan Alvarado, Rodolfo Calderon, Steve Clements, Jose Espinoza, Chuck Frazier, Gilbert Garduno, Jesus Lopez, Bob Madden, Matthew Meador, Luis Marquez, Jesus Marentes, Jullian Romero, Alej Segundo, Bill Thompson, Valentine Villa, JC Walford and Stan Watson.

RMCI's crews completed these emergency snow removal efforts with only a couple of minor incidents. Extreme hazards existed while operating heavy equipment near neighboring parked vehicles, mailboxes, rock gardens, etc. The City and County of Denver repre-

MEET JIM CULVER! BY SHAWNA BOHAN

Jim Culver, RMCI's new Chief Technology Officer, is not a new face around the office. He's been fixing the company computers for nearly a decade. Now he does it full-time! An almost Colorado native (Jim's family moved from Germany to Colorado when he was an infant), Jim's career began in accounting and gradually shifted to computers where most of his learning has been hands-on. During the past 10 years, Jim worked for IT consulting firms

and looked for that ONE company he would work for full-time. He chose RMCI and everything that goes with it; RMC of California, ReCrete and more. So, what's on the radar for Jim at RMCI? As of his January start, he has, among many other things: moved all e-mail accounts in-house; encouraged and increased e-mail usage by all staff, especially at RMCI recycle centers, at ReCrete and the firehouse at Stapleton; and established a centralized

company calendar. The "big" project comes soon with a complete conversion to new software that will affect all departments and entities of RMCI: accounting, payroll, project mgmt. and more. Meanwhile, "Rick is taking me out to the recycle centers, to Stapleton and I'm learning about this business," Jim says. So, when summer is upon us, Jim will have earned some time off to enjoy one of his favorite past times: Colorado's legendary outdoors with his wife, Rhonda and kids Kelli (16) and Alex (13). Pulling the

MIKE'S SAFETY MINUTE BY MIKE STEWART

The first couple of months in 2007 have been unusual in terms of performing our core recycling activities. The majority of RMCI employees, staff and equipment were dedicated to emergency snow removal efforts in assisting the City and County of Denver. The overall severe weather has also played a part in the lengthy suspension of recycling activities at

our yards and customer locations. Upon resuming our core/routine recycling fundamental duties, we must exercise extreme caution in the collective operation and maintenance of equipment. Supervision and staff must revisit associated site hazards prior to start-up. This is a serious statement and emphasis must be placed on this approach in continuing our

normal activities. While successfully accomplishing the above, we must continue to maintain our current OSHA Zero Reportable Incident Status. As we continue to qualify for new work opportunities in 2007 and beyond, it becomes increasingly important that we maintain an excellent safety record. This allows RMCI to pre-qualify with governmental contractors, along with the ability to qualify for work opportunities for the Department of