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Moab Mill Tailings Project Reaches 330,000 Tons of Tailings Shipped

Grand Junction, CO — Since April 2009, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Project has shipped 330,000 tons of mill tailings from Moab, Utah, 30 miles north to the disposal cell constructed near Crescent Junction, Utah. Almost a third of this quantity, or 100,000 tons, was shipped using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. In addition, 47 truckloads of contaminated scrap metal at the Moab site, for a total of 1,034 tons, were hauled to Crescent Junction through the ARRA.

On August 17, the Moab Project began shipping a second trainload each weekday to reach its ARRA project commitment to ship an additional 2 million tons of mill tailings by September 2011.

The second train that runs on Monday through Thursday and both trains that run on Friday are shipments funded by the ARRA. A nightshift was started to support the loading of the additional trains. As of September 30, ARRA work has created or saved 200 jobs, exceeding the original projection of 160.

The Moab Project is also supplementing the 32.5-ton-capacity containers, used to carry the mill tailings, with 160 containers with a 40-ton capacity.

Additionally, construction of an underpass of State Route 279, which transects the Moab Project site, began in mid-September and will be completed by mid-November. When finished, the underpass will be used by project vehicles to avoid interactions with public traffic on the state highway.

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Mill tailings train headed to Crescent Junction.