



# Dakota News



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Happy New Year

Greetings and salutations to all! We hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. It has been a while since we sent out our last newsletter, so our New Year's Resolution is to keep everyone abreast of the exciting new things happening here at Dakota Intertek.

## New Faces Fresh Ideas...

2001 was a prosperous year for Dakota (40% growth in revenue), and we certainly look forward to what the year 2002 holds as well. Of course, we owe our success to our dedicated staff and loyal clientele. Here at Dakota we are blessed by having such a talented, versatile group of people and are proud to announce many new additions to our team, all of whom are working hard to serve our clients in a better capacity:

**Paul Herbert, Vice Pres.** Paul joined our team last June as our new

Vice President. Coming to us with over 25 years of experience, Paul is no stranger to the environmental field. Paul resides in Caledonia with his wife, Pat, and is the proud father of four girls.

**Greg Winters, Estimator/Project Mngr.** Greg joined us last December from ASI, where he was the *Conversion Specialist* for almost 7 years. Greg resides with his wife, Carol, and his two sons in Big Bend. Greg has been in the construction business for over 20 years and the computer graphics business for seven years. We believe he has a lot to offer to Dakota's clients.

**Melinda Pike, Marketing/Project Asst.** Mindy joined Dakota last August after receiving her MA in Communication from UW-Stevens Point focusing on PR/Marketing and Interpersonal Comm. Here at Dakota, she is working on our promotional pieces and is assisting with HUD. Mindy hails from Caledonia, and is an avid theatre participant.

**Jennifer Youngblood, Environ. Scientist.** Jen joined our team in October and has been aiding both out in the field and in the office. An Okauchee native, she is not happy unless she is frolicking outdoors or "kicking butt" on the tennis court.

**Jerry Garski, Operator/Foreman.** Jerry hails from Racine, and started working with Dakota last July. When not at Dakota, Jerry is busy running his own truck and equipment business. In his spare time, he enjoys auto-racing events and riding his Harley.

**John Pompe, Gen. Labor/Operator.** John started working at

Dakota at the end of October and has helped greatly out in the field. John resides in Milwaukee, is a waste disposal wizard, and a cinematic aficionado.

**Todd Ormiston, Project Mngr./Geologist.** Todd is the proud new father of a baby girl, Kayla, and resides with his wife, Karri, in Caledonia. Todd came to us with 7 yrs. of environmental working experience, and looks forward to making a difference at Dakota.

**Paul Bocek, Operator.** We also wish to welcome Paul Bocek back to Dakota. Paul is the guy known for his gadgets, snowmobiles, four wheelers, you name it. Paul has been with Dakota for almost five years and was out for six months due to a four wheeling accident. We are thankful for his recovery.



NEW EMPLOYEES

From Top Left to Right: Jen, Jerry, Mindy, Greg, Paul H., and Todd. Missing: John

## CURRENT PROJECTS

**\$115 Million Dollar MMSD Deep Tunnel Project-** The Northwest Sewer Relief Deep Tunnel Project will be the second deep tunnel of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Sewer District (MMSD) to store the sewage and reduce the pollution into Lake Michigan. The

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project will cost over \$115 million dollars and will last more than 3 years. Dakota will be an active DBE contractor for this project which consists of approximately 37,430 linear feet of 240 inch sewer in the rock tunnel. This will be a challenging project because of the complexity, duration, and multiple party involvements in the soil and groundwater handling process. Dakota will work diligently to ensure a smooth delivery of each task.

**Lincoln Creek Project-** For the last year, Dakota has been involved with the Lincoln Creek Project involving the removal of over 1 mile of contaminated sediment. With a revenue of over a million dollars, Dakota helped to remove tens of thousands cubic yards of sediment. Dakota worked along with such construction firms as: *James Cape, CW Purpuro, and Super Excavators* on this project.

**Mobile Blasting-** Dakota has just successfully finished this million-dollar WDNR cleanup project. Located at 43<sup>rd</sup> and Mitchell Street, Milwaukee, the Mobile Blasting Project was one of the largest Brownfield remediation sites in S.E. Wisconsin, according to the WDNR.

For the last six months, Dakota has worked diligently on their Brownfield restoration and remediation project, which consisted of: soil excavation, groundwater management, and soil venting technology. Particularly challenging was the removal and management of the petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soil and the subsurface concrete impediments.

The project started with the demolishing of underground concrete, vaults, and oil/water separators. The area covered over 13 acres of industrial land. There was also a tight schedule to build the soil venting system and construct a new building on site before winter. Now you can drive by the Miller Parkway from the south of the stadium and witness the work Dakota performed in 2001.

### Penta Woods Federal Superfund Cleanup-

Dakota has successfully bid and built a \$650,000 groundwater extraction and cleanup facility at Siren, WI, in 2001. The groundwater treatment system includes pneumatic groundwater extraction pumps and filter system with clay. The Project Engineer was *CH2M Hill* in Milwaukee.



### Just In From China

The potential in China's environmental industry is tremendous. In the next five years, the central government of China is budgeting \$350 billion in environmental-related development. Dakota is watching the market and is seeking opportunities there. *CEO Wenbin Yuan* just came back from a visit to a province located east of the Himalayan foothills called Qinghai. Potentials there include building and operating water and wastewater treatment plants and environmental consulting.

### Future Endeavors

There are many things that Dakota is looking forward to working on in the near future. Other than the prospects of being able to take our services abroad, Dakota would like to become more involved in the current military programs of the USACE and with the 440<sup>th</sup> Airwing. We are now just expanding to operate federal 8(a) opportunities and we are excited about our healthy over the past 8 years. We celebrate our diversity and are looking forward to handling larger government state and federal government contracts.

In the future, Dakota would also like to restate our position as a contractor to the world's top consulting groups of the Midwest states and regional groups.

### New Element Discovered

Investigators at a major U.S. research university recently discovered the heaviest element known to science. This new element, Administratium, has no protons or electrons and thus has an atomic number of 0. It does, however, have one neutron, 125 assistant neutrons, 75 vice neutrons and 111 assistant vice neutrons, which give it an atomic mass of 312. These 312 particles are held together by a force that involves the continuous exchange of meson-like particles called morons. It is also surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called peons. Since it has no electrons, Administratium is inert. However, it can be detected chemically as it impedes every reaction it comes in contact with. A minute amount of Administratium causes one reaction to take over 4 days to complete, when it would have normally have occurred in less than a second. Administratium is known to be toxic at any level and can easily destroy productive reactions where it is known to accumulate.



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