

## Giving Back.

### SCE Team Volunteers Serve Dinner.

Continuing a long tradition of giving back to the community, a group of SCE employees recently volunteered their time to serve dinners at the St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen located within the Catholic Diocese of Scranton, PA.

The Kitchen's mission is reflected on its website: "In the Catholic tradition and the spirit of our patron, St. Francis of Assisi, the hungry are fed in collaboration with volunteers and donors from all faith communities. The Kitchen provides a free, hot, nutritious meal to all our guests everyday of the year. Staff and volunteers strive to be of assistance to others and serve with a spirit of compassion, respect and dignity."

SCE employees Mariah Wheeler, Nate Butler, Andrew Crawford, Tiffany Ferguson, Bill Bradican and Bruce Morgan, along with company President Jody Cordaro and his daughter, Isabella, joined in to serve about 150 folks in need of a good meal. "We sometimes forget how well life has treated us," noted Director of Client Services, Bill Bradican. He continued, "This opportunity to reach out to people who need a helping hand was not only a sobering reminder of our good fortune but also a great chance to work with our fellow employees outside the workplace. A true win-win experience."

If you wish to make a tax-deductable donation, please visit the following link to the Kitchen's contribution page: http://cssdioceseofscranton.org/content/contribute or you can mail or make your donation in person: St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen, 500 Penn Avenue, Scranton, PA 18509-3116.

SCE Team Members Mariah Wheeler (Chief Bun Dispenser), Jody Cordaro (Senior Pot Washer), Bill Bradican (Master Stew Chef), Isabella Cordaro (Utensil Distribution Manager), Andrew Crawford (Beverage and Soup Coordinator), Nate Butler (Head of Security), and Tiffany Ferguson (Fruit Allocation Director) in the kitchen!

#### Seven Loaves ...

We would be remiss if we did not mention our friends at Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen in Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania. Seven Loaves is a non-profit group of volunteers that have been providing hope and compassion to the community since 2007.

SCE is a proud donor to this great group which has served nearly 100,000 meals to the working poor, unemployed, handicapped, limited income seniors, families, and individuals in need. Their website says it all: "Anyone who comes to our door is welcome - without question or qualification."

We invite you to assist Seven Loaves by visiting their website: https://sevenloaveskitchen.org/

## **Interior Demolition Completed.**

## 350 Tons of Waste Removed.

In the first quarter, SCE crews completed the interior demolition and decontamination of a 160,000 SF, four-story facility in New York. The manufacturing site contained 46 tanks and vessels along with conveyor systems, piping, and mixing vats all contaminated with RCRA metal waste that had to be handled accordingly. SCE recovered 200 tons of non-hazardous waste and 150 tons of hazardous waste, all of which had to be sampled, characterized, profiled, handled, managed and ultimately disposed in accordance with state and federal law and disposal permits.

In addition to removing over 350 tons of waste, crews also replaced all lead based paint windows with plywood, and demolished a 1 story building that was constructed atop five underground storage tanks. The building was removed by hand and recycled.



Operating a remote controlled demolition robot equipped with hydraulic shears, an SCE crew member stays out of harm's way as pipes are cut from the ceiling.

### Spanish Language LPS Training.

With a complement of Spanish-speaking crew members at many of our office locations, SCE recently conducted a Spanish-language LPS certification class for 30 crew members at its training



facility located at the company's home office. LPS has long played an integral role in the SCE Culture of Safety. The program is a behavior-based safety system that emphasizes a simple but powerful question: "What's the worst that can happen?" From that constantly reviewed question comes an entire system of loss prevention focusing on loss prevention observations, near loss investigations, incident investigation and thorough training. "Although our Spanish-speaking crew is bilingual," notes Field Safety Coordinator Dean Argenta, "they clearly get more substance out of training in their first language. We want all of our crews to receive the best training possible and one way to ensure that is to remove any kind of language barrier."

## Argenta Joins Safety Department Dual roles split time between Office and Field.

Dale Nat, IH, Director of Health and Safety, recently announced that Dean Argenta will join his team as lead Field Safety Officer. "Dean knows the industry and has a keen eye for safety-related issues at jobsites," noted Nat. Argenta has been in several roles within SCE and continues to move up through the ranks. In his new role as Field Safety Officer, Mr. Argenta will travel extensively to all active jobsites, meeting with clients, SCE supervisors and crew, conducting safety inspections, preparing Loss Prevention Observations ("LPO") and assisting the field teams in doing them. He will also have primary responsibility for conducting near loss investigations ("NLI") and ensuring they are verified and validated ("V&V") with the responsible parties.

Argenta is also the Chair of the SCE Safety Committee and conducts monthly safety meetings with a Committee of 8 individuals representing administrative and field operations. Under Pennsylvania law, such safety committees operate under strict requirements that dictate the scope and frequency of meetings, the composition and training of the team, and the record-keeping requirements of meeting minutes and attendance.

## **Landfill Cap Project Mobilizes**

NYDEC gives green light.



An excavator-mounted 210-LTC reduces a standing tree to mulch.

In May, SCE crews mobilized and equipment began work on the Carroll Town Landfill capping project in Western New York. SCE was awarded the Contract by the NY Department of Environmental Conservation for the remediation of the Superfund Site.

The landfill operated as a municipal solid waste landfill from the early 1960s to 1979. Records indicate that industrial wastes were disposed in the landfill during the period of operation. The contract, valued at \$2.5MM, calls for the excavation of soil and waste, consolidation of two waste cells into one, dewatering, installation of a soil cover over the consolidated waste mass, and site restoration.

Particularly challenging is a water table less than one foot below the surface.

With specifications calling for over 20 acres of site clearing, 30,000 cubic yards of waste consolidation, 50,000 tons of backfill and topsoil placement, and extensive site restoration, the project requires the mobilization of several pieces of large equipment including a state of the art excavator mounted 210-LTC which is a 59,000 lb, 350 horsepower, Tree Mulcher and Stump Grinder. The grinder reduces large standing trees and stumps to mulch in contrast to the standard practice of felling and burning trees and burying stumps in landfills. Total project completion is scheduled for February of 2016.

#### Decker Retires.

Por the first time in many years, you won't be seeing him at jobsites. Joe Decker, a seasoned veteran on SCE's field crew, has announced his



retirement effective in July, 2015. "You can't replace a man like Joe," notes Company President, Jody Cordaro. "He's done an amazing job for so many years and in so many ways that his departure is a true loss to the company. Joe is a guy that always ensured the jobs

were done on time and he was our most requested HAZMAT technician. He will be missed by all of our crews."

## SCE Preserves EMR.

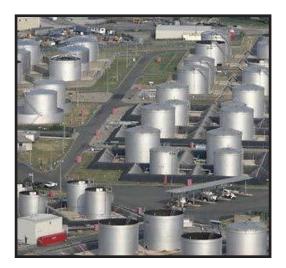
Score remains among best in industry.

The Pennsylvania Rating Claims Bureau has advised SCE that its EMR for 2015 remains at a remarkably low 0.783. This represents a continuation of the same score in 2014 and a continuation of a five year trend without an increase.

"Scores like this require a commitment to safety as a culture," notes Bill Bradican, Director of Client Services. "One of our core values is to demand safety in everything we do - no excuses - and we have dedicated manpower, time and resources to meeting that challenge."

## Multi-Year Contract at JFK Extended.

Contract Value approaches \$4MM.



Since November of 2012, SCE has been the Prime Contractor on a multi-year Contract for the operation and maintenance of the bulk fuel farm and satellite fuel farm remediation systems at the John F. Kennedy Airport in New York. Originally a two-year, \$3Million contract to provide remediation services for jet fuel release at both fuel farms, the contract was recently extended an additional six-months, at a value of \$800,000.

In addition to remediation services, SCE also provides ongoing maintenance of pumping equipment at the site and has been utilized for additional work at the airport including the trenching of a service road for the purpose of installing underground utilities.

## SCE Completes TCE / PCE Project.

Materials transported to Canada.

SCE recently completed a TCE / PCE soil excavation project in Lewisburg, PA. Soils that fall under the Land Disposal Restrictions (LDR) program under 40 CFR Part 268 were excavated and disposed. SCE crews erected temporary fencing, excavated 200 tons of hazardous soil and transported to a facility in Grandes-Piles, QC, Canada for treatment and burial. SCE crews abandoned wells and backfilled the excavation and installed asphalt surfaces.

# Memphis Facility Cleanup Latest in 7 year effort.

SCE crews recently completed a facility decontamination of a battery recycling facility in Memphis, TN. The Scope of Work involved is extensive. Crews are required to access ceilings with scissors lifts and clean the horizontal surfaces using HEPA filter vacuums; protect electrical outlets, lights and panels with plastic sheeting; hand-wash or pressure-wash the facility walls from top to bottom and all floor surfaces with a chelating detergent applicable to lead; collect the wash water using a floor cleaning machine; hand clean office area walls and furnishings using a wet-cleaning method; HEPA-vacuum



carpeted areas; and drum all wash water, PPE, rags and collected dust for proper disposal. SCE crews carefully cleaned all areas in a systematic approach to prevent cross-contamination among areas.

SCE has completed nearly Two Million SF of similar building decontaminations for this client over the past seven years and throughout nine states.

# SCE Approved by ISNet and PICS. *Safety Programs receive Overhaul.*

SCE is proud to be a fully qualified contractor in both the ISNet and PICS industry clearing houses. These organizations provide a vetting service to their member clients to ensure that qualified contractors maintain appropriate safety, insurance and compliance programs.



The obstacles are significant. "Over the years, SCE has registered

over fifty safety programs with ISNet alone," notes Chief Compliance Officer, Bruce Morgan, "and these programs require routine annual review and modification in order to satisfy evolving standards." Safety programs include Aerial Lift Safety, Confined Space Entry, NORM Awareness, HazMat Communi-

cation, Hazardous Energies Lockouts, and literally dozens more.

Recently, federal regulations regarding Confined Space Entry were revised to better protect workers involved in these potentially deadly



activities. SCE's Safety Team is currently in the process of modifying programs, training, and equipment to meet these standards before the August 3rd effective date.

# Major Investments in Q2.

New equipment better serves Clients.

SCE continued its equipment investments during the second quarter of 2015. Joining the multi-million dollar fleet are two new Dodge 4500 crew cab service trucks with 13' Utility bodies, three Caterpillar mini excavators (models 302.7, 304, 305), two skid steers (models



279 and 289), and a Finn T-120 hydroseeder. Company President, Jody Cordaro, sees these investments as competitive advantages. "With a constantly evolving array of new equipment at our disposal," he notes, "we can deliver economical and timely response to client needs with minimal down time. One of our core values is to deliver environmental services to our clients in the most economical manner. The more we can rely

on in-house resources, the more we can keep rental, maintenance, and operating expenses to a minimum and that translates directly to our clients' bottom line."





#### Sacred Ground Restored.

SCE Returns to Damaged Cemetery.



Among the countless properties affected by Hurricane Sandy was a century-old cemetery near the New Jersey coast. A storm surge had deposited a layer of oil on the surface and among the grave markers.

Two years ago, SCE was the Prime Contractor on this sensitive project to remove the contaminated surface and restore the grounds to pristine condition. SCE excavated 3" to 24" inches of surface soil over an area in excess of 150,000 square feet. As a rule, each day's excavation was backfilled, graded and resodded before the end of that day.

Recently, an additional area of the cemetery was identified as similarly contaminated and again SCE was called to remediate the site. Maintaining the dignity of the area, SCE worked around all tombstones, marking pins, and survey stakes to ensure nothing was disturbed. Contaminated soil was removed and the cemetery was restored.

## NYPA Response Contract Begins First Call Hits Response Target.

In October 2014, SCE was awarded an Emergency Response Service contract for the removal of asbestos, lead and PCB's. This five-year contract with the New York Power Authority covers the Albany Central New York Region for the Power Authority and requires three-hour emergency response at Power Authority facilities in the coverage area.

SCE has received its first job in connection with this Service Contract. New York Power Authority crews at a remote location in the Central New York Region encountered lead based paints during a shutdown and repair of a power generating rotor. With an emergency response unit that had already been fully stocked with the necessary tools and equipment, SCE mobilized immediately to this emergency abatement project and was on site with an abatement crew within the contractually mandated response window. SCE's team abated the lead and had NYPA crews back to work within 16 hours of first call.

### We Heard You:

Clients Speak Out.

**\( \)** Te frequently get requests from Clients asking if we can perform minor maintenance and repair tasks at jobsites where we are already engaged in remediation activities. Given that SCE is already approved to work for the Client, and our crew is already qualified to work at the site, these services have great value to our clients in not only time and convenience, but also expense. To meet that need, we've identified members of our 170-person crew who are specialists to perform the requested tasks, including, for example, minor repairs at kiosks, retail petroleum sites, fencing and guide rail replacement, and concrete repairs.

Have a request or comment? Feel free to email us at info@scenv.com.

## **Factory Demolition Comes to Close.**

30,000 Injury-Free Man-Hours Highlight Effort.

In Jenkins Township, Pennsylvania, SCE is in the final stages of the complete demolition of a one million square foot former manufacturing facility. When demolition is finished in the summer of 2015, the property owners will seek build-to-suit opportunities ranging from 500,000 SF up to the property's fully entitled 1,506,000 SF footprint.

Due to its prior use as a major manufacturing center. the site significant has in-place utilities including dual 69 kV substations, 12" water and sewer mains, ample gas service capacity, and ready access to all modes of



transportation including Class I rail infrastructure. The potential of the property is unmatched by any other warehouse/distribution/manufacturing development sites in the region.

SCE's excavators carried the lion's share of the demolition effort and they were equipped not only with long-reach capabilities (80' reach), but also with dust suppression and remote video cameras mounted on the end of the boom. From their position 80' below, operators had precise video feedback allowing for exact placement and could deliver dust suppressing jets of water from the attachments instantly. Dust suppression was further supported from massive water cannons producing plumes of mist that kept dust from migrating off property into the nearby residential community or PA Turnpike.

From project inception, safety played a key role. Every employee received site specific training including orientation, hazardous material awareness, and safety policies and procedures. In addition, as dictated by tasks, crews were trained in

many areas including hazardous communication, aerial lift, and hot work. All SCE crew members onsite were certified not only in OSHA 40, but also the LPS behavior-based safety system. LPS procedures including loss prevention observations, near loss incidents, and incident investigation were fully incorporated into the project. Throughout the

project duration, an SCE site safety officer constantly monitored crew activities and site conditions to make sure safety remained at the forefront.

Particularly effective was a color-code site map that was updated weekly to delineate active work

zones, material flows, and crew assignments. The map was reviewed by project managers and site foremen, distributed to all employees, and reviewed each day by all personnel as part of a daily "Tailgate" safety meeting.

Every day, all on site personnel attended three safety related meetings. Each day started with a mandatory morning Tailgate meeting. In addition, mandatory meetings at 2:00pm ("two minutes at 2:00") and 5:00 pm ("five minutes at 5:00"), provided constant reminders of job hazards and safety procedures and reinforced open communications on safety throughout the project.

Massive amounts of materials were sorted and segregated into various waste streams by twenty-one pieces of heavy equipment in constant motion. As a result of the rigid attention to safety protocols and a disciplined use of the site map, the crew kept the project on time, on budget, and without injury. As of the end of June, the crew had amassed more than 30,000 hours of injury free duty.



# Last Thoughts ... A Letter From The President

The little guy in the photo is not only my favorite equipment operator at SCE, he's also my son. And as I watched him busily dig into the makeshift rock quarry of a local amusement park, I was reminded of some rather profound realities.

This stuff we do with remediation is more than earning a living, more than a paycheck. What we are doing is cleaning up old sins of many generations, putting things right, handing over



a scarred but healing planet to my son and his sisters, your children and grandchildren, and the rest of their generation. Every bucket of contaminated soil, every flake of lead paint, and every fiber of asbestos that we carefully quarantine is that much less to which they'll be exposed.

Sure, it's a business. We worry about margins, and scopes of work, and procedures and protocols. We sweat over RFP's, haggle with schedules, and wonder how we'll meet this deadline or that budget. But underneath it all, this is important stuff. It transcends business. We need to get this right.

So to you, my partners in this industry of remediation, thank you for making the planet better for our kids and their brethren. It is a legacy that will survive long after financial statements and Gantt charts have been forgotten. We should all look with pride at this effort we make for the generations to come. Sincerely,

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