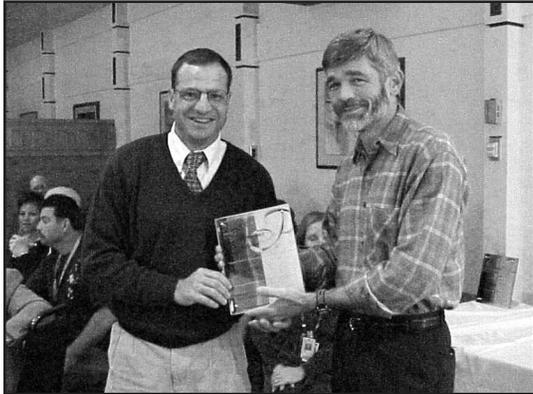


GJO Receives Coveted Manager's Award for Monticello Land Transfer

The U.S. Department of Energy Grand Junction Office (DOE–GJO) received several Performance Excellence Awards presented by the DOE Albuquerque Operations Office in October 2000.



Richard E. Glass (right), Manager of the DOE Albuquerque Operations Office, presents the Manager's Award to Joel Berwick, DOE Grand Junction Office Project Manager, for the transfer of DOE land to the City of Monticello.

GJO received the prestigious Manager's Award for the transfer of DOE land to the City of Monticello, Utah. In June, the City of Monticello signed a quitclaim deed from the National Park Service that completed the transfer of 383 acres of government-owned land, including the former Monticello millsite, from DOE to the City. The City will perform restoration of the millsite through a cooperative agreement with DOE. The restoration of the site for beneficial public use is of primary importance to the strategic mission of the DOE Albuquerque Operations Office and is in keeping with DOE's national Paths to Closure objectives. Through a tremendous amount of coordination and cooperation among the land transfer team members, the transfer was accomplished within a tight schedule that avoided a stipulated penalty to DOE. Five DOE–GJO and contractor employees shared in the award.

The GJO Ground Water Team that manages the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Ground Water Project received the Albuquerque Award. The goal of the UMTRA Ground Water Project is to implement a programmatic process that is unique to the DOE Albuquerque Operations Office system. This process systematically implements a compliance strategy for each of the 22 former uranium processing sites in the project that protects the public, is technically defensible, meets cleanup standards cost effectively, and satisfies stakeholder concerns. Nine of the 22 sites in the project have been closed out. Innovative approaches to groundwater cleanup developed at DOE–GJO include the installation of a permeable reactive barrier at the Monticello Mill Tailings Site to treat contaminated ground water ([see related article on page 12](#)). GJO's leadership in technology exchange, technology transfer, and technical support to other DOE facilities and the international community is evidenced in use of permeable reactive barriers at numerous other sites.

GJO also received a certificate of achievement for its Integrated Safety Management (ISM) Team. The two GJO contractors developed a single ISM system description within the limited time and budget resources that were available. The system description crosswalks shared and organization-specific lower tier, or subordinate, documents. The savings in cost and time realized by partnering efforts allowed the contractors to conduct a full self-assessment of all ISM elements within budget. GJO was the first site in the DOE Albuquerque Operations Office system to complete its ISM requirements.❖

