

NeighborNotes

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AIR MONITORING IN HERCULANEUM RESTRUCTURED

After gaining approval from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Doe Run voluntarily purchased and installed air monitors at five new locations – South Cross Street, North Cross Street, Circle Street, Mott Street and South Main Street in Herculaneum, Mo. Though air monitoring will continue at the previously established sites of Broad Street, High School, City Hall and Sherman Street, monitoring has been discontinued at three stations that have been in attainment for more than 25 years (Golf Course, Ursuline and North).

“We’re eager to gather data from the new locations,” said Aaron Miller, environmental manager. “The information obtained will not only help us verify whether the air standard is being met, but will also enable us to gauge subtle changes and how they might be related to our multi-operational processes. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that residents living near the smelter are being protected.”

The company continuously monitors for attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for lead. The EPA-specified air quality standard is 1.5 micrograms of

lead per cubic meter of air (averaged over a calendar quarter). The new additions bring monitoring up to nine locations, compared to the previous amount – seven.

VIEWPOINTS PAGE ADDED TO

[WWW.DOERUN.COM](http://www.doerun.com)

Doe Run recently announced an addition to its Web site. Entitled *Viewpoints*, the new page provides a place for Doe Run to post copies of communications reflecting non-company perspectives.

“We believe the opinions and views of those outside our company who have firsthand experience either living in or visiting communities in which we operate are very important,” said Dr. Juan Carlos Huyhua, general manager of Doe Run Peru. “Their voices and opinions have been under-reported, but are equally important to discussions on the future of our operations whether here in Peru or abroad.”

Located at <http://www.doerun.com/news/viewpoints.aspx>, the new area can also be accessed from the home page by clicking on “Views and Opinions” or through the “News Media Center” drop-down menu.



Gary Hughes - general manager of Herculaneum Smelting Division, Patricia Soldan - general counsel and vice president for legal and institutional affairs for Doe Run Peru, Barbara Shephard - vice president human resources and community relations, and Dan Storz - technical operator at the smelter refinery, pause for a photo op during Patricia's recent visit.

TRADING PLACES – A CROSS-CULTURAL INITIATIVE

Doe Run Peru recently added team member Patricia Paz Soldan to serve as general counsel and vice president for legal and institutional affairs. A South American native, Soldan recently traveled to Doe Run's corporate headquarters in St. Louis to receive orientation and get reacquainted with American culture. Afterward, she visited Doe Run's Herculaneum Smelting Division to learn about its programs and processes.

“My visit to the Midwest was an eye-opening experience,” commented Soldan. “Though our operations in Peru and the U.S. share similar practices in mining and smelting, our cultures are quite different. In Peru, the company provides many of the things that the government ordinarily provides in the U.S., like school refurbishment, child

lunch programs, roads, community lighting, agricultural and vocational programs and affordable electricity in remote areas. I'm grateful for the opportunity to witness Doe Run's U.S. operations firsthand and familiarize myself with the culture. The Missouri hospitality was a delight."

"We were pleased to host Patricia," said Gary Hughes, general manager of the Herculaneum Smelting Division. "The visit provided a forum for learning more about the community and exchange information."



Demolition crew members check to see if tower bell is still in place at Circle Street structure.

DEMOLITION OF BUILDING "RINGS A BELL" FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

The recent demolition of an 80-year-old structure on Circle Street in Herculaneum "rang a bell" for many local folks. The one-time church, union hall and apartment building had become somewhat of a mysterious landmark.

According to residents, when it was used as a church, the

tower housed a bell – one that could be heard ringing throughout the neighborhood on Sunday mornings. However, when citizens gathered around the "landmark" to watch as workers removed the tower vent screen for the first time in decades, no bell was found.

So where is the bell now? When the church moved to a new facility, did the bell go with it? Was it donated to another church, or sold at auction? Many of the locals would like to know, including the Herculaneum Historical Society.

"The bell is part of Herculaneum's history," said Laurie Ferretti, treasurer for the Herculaneum Historical Society. "It had a very noticeable ring heard every Sunday morning, reminding all within earshot that services were about to begin. We would love to have it as part of our historical artifacts collection."

Tom Griffith, environmental supervisor for Doe Run, who carries responsibility for structure demolition, stated, "If the bell had still been there, we would've been happy to donate it to the Historical Society. Perhaps someone who reads this article will know what happened to the mystery bell."

Those who know about the bell's whereabouts are encouraged to call Tom Griffith at (636) 933-3091.

DOE RUN EMPLOYEE SERVES AS SCIENCE JUDGE AT 2006 MASTODON FAIR

Most of The Doe Run Company's 5,000 employees are knowledgeable about rocks and

minerals; after all, Doe Run is the operator of one of the world's only multi-metal facilities. In addition, many of these employees have a science-based secondary education, including Aaron Miller, environmental manager for Primary Smelting at Doe Run. When he was asked to be a science judge at the 2006 Mastodon Arts/Science Regional Fair, he was quick to accept the opportunity.

"I love working with students – one of the reasons that I lead the minerals education effort for Doe Run," stated Miller. "The science side of this annual event promotes projects, inventions and processes that require analytical thinking using fact-based science – an area of study near and dear to my heart. The high-quality entries at this year's fair made it very challenging for the judges."

The Mastodon Arts/Science Regional Fair is an annual event held at the Jefferson College Field House in Hillsboro, Mo. With a mission of encouraging scientific achievement, showcasing artistic talent and rewarding dependability and perseverance, the fair is open to Jefferson County students in grades K-12. For more information, visit www.masrf.org.

Happy Easter!

