LRL environmental program closes out another successful year

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The Louisville District environmental program closed out another successful fiscal year for FY12 executing \$56.7 million in projects, not including the growing amount of Operations and Maintenance (O&M) projects performed this past year.

"Overall, we had a great year," said Chris Inlow, Louisville District Environmental Support Section Chief.

Among many other significant achievements for the program, the Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Program had a record year with a \$27.9 million program—the largest year ever in LRD history.

"Overall it was a tremendous FUDS year," said David Dierken, Louisville District FUDS Program Manager. "I'm really pleased at how well we performed."

Part of the success of the FUDS program comes from the former Lockbourne Air Force Base project, which awarded the largest environmental construction contract in the district's history—a \$9.2 million contract for construction of a landfill cover in Columbus, Ohio.

Additionally, the environmental program thrived on providing support to other Corps Districts for projects including Baltimore and New York districts, partnering with Huntsville Center, and a newly formed partnership with Sacramento District to conduct an environmental investigation at the Hawthorne Army Depot in Nevada. The district's environmental team also worked to establish new relationships with the Kentucky Army National Guard that may provide future opportunities for the Corps.