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## TRC News

### **TRC's Exit Strategy Program Wins "National Environmental Excellence Award"**

#### ***TRC's Work at the Portland Bangor Waste Oil Site in Wells, Maine Recognized***

Windsor, CT July 31, 2003 - TRC Companies, Inc. (NYSE:TRR) announced today that it won the 2003 National Environmental Excellence Award. The National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) recognized TRC for excellence in project management and integration on the Portland Bangor Waste Oil site in Wells, Maine.

The award was presented to Paola Macchiaroli, Ph.D., TRC's project manager, at the NAEP National Conference in San Antonio, TX. The award also honored Michael Salmon, Senior Vice President and TRC Exit Strategy program director; Ron Bock, Vice President of TRC Exit Strategy operations; and Kay and Darryl Armstrong, principals of Armstrong & Associates, a community relations and public involvement consulting firm.

The NAEP committee was unanimous in its decision to select TRC Exit Strategy's work at the Portland Bangor Waste Oil site over 30 other companies. From January 2001 through December 2002, TRC engineers worked with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and Armstrong & Associates on an effort to clean up the site. The project involved environmental remediation and community and government affairs. The team members worked closely with community stakeholders what Jonathan Carter, Wells town manager, called a "national model of how to do things right."

The Wall Street Journal described TRC Exit Strategy's innovative solution at the Portland Bangor Waste Oil site as "a radical experiment to end state litigation among the lawyers for 2,900 parties believed have sent their oil to this dump. TRC Exit Strategy brought an end to years of prolonged litigation and expedited the environmental cleanup. TRC Exit Strategy assumed all liability of the site from the 2,900 entities —ranging from gas stations to the U.S. Navy —and insured the state and the town of Wells against future liability.

This award underscores the success of the TRC Exit Strategy program and reinforces the project team's sense of accomplishment, Macchiaroli said. This is a true team effort. The Maine DEP worked closely with us on the project and Kay Armstrong was fantastic in her commitment and dedication in working with me to keep the public informed and involved. "

Working with TRC, Eddyville, Kentucky-based Armstrong & Associates developed a strategy to

implement and monitor a comprehensive proactive communications and public involvement program that involved video updates, newsletters, media interviews, formal public meetings, and informal coffee klatches.

Armstrong said that every objective of the program was met and exceeded. We approached this project by agreeing to continually assess, refine and improve the project as it unfolded, she said. community, other stakeholders, and the TRC team for input regularly on what worked, what they need and how we could be more helpful. This all resulted in an innovative Exit Strategy that included a dynamic and very effective public outreach effort that is being replicated at other sites. TRC has established a national model for successfully working challenging projects within communities and everyone is most pleased with the results. ”

The intended future use of the PBWO site will be for athletic use, most likely a soccer field.

“Congratulations to TRC for the outstanding job they have done in making this a reality, ” Collins, State Representative from Wells, Maine. I think it s’great we have turned a fairly dangerous site into a site that can be used by our youth here in town. ”

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**About Armstrong & Associates**

Armstrong and Associates is an environmental communications relations company that specializes in environmental communications and conflict prevention and resolution for hazardous waste situations. assists companies and organizations to devise strategic internal and community relations programs, identify latent and emerging issues within communities, develop crisis and emergency management plans, and coordinate all outreach methodologies. For more information, visit Armstrong & Associate website at <http://www.armstrongandassociates.homestead.com>.

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construction services to both industry and government customers across the country. For more information, visit TRC's website at [www.trcsolutions.com](http://www.trcsolutions.com) or contact Jeff Halleck at (949) 727

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