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## Ground Based Midcourse Reaches Safety Milestone

The Ground Based Midcourse Defense Site Activation Command announced that the construction project at the Fort Greely Missile Defense Site recently passed a major safety milestone: more than 2 million man-hours worked without a lost time accident.

For a construction site this large and with so many moving parts, a safety record like this is almost unheard of, according to Colonel Kevin Norgaard, Director of Site Activation Command.

"Completing the project in Alaska on the aggressive schedule we imposed in itself is a great accomplishment," said Colonel Norgaard. "Doing so with two million hours without a lost time accident is an extraordinary accomplishment and reflects the superb corporate safety culture that Fluor and its subcontractors have embraced."

While Site Activation Command has overall responsibility for the site, several major construction contractors and government agencies working for Site Activation Command are involved with developing and maintaining safety awareness on the construction site. These include Fluor Alaska working under the supervision of the US Army Corps of Engineers, and The Boeing Company (prime contractor for the program) under supervision of Site Activation Command.

According to The Boeing Company by September 2004 approximately \$67 million will have been spent on Ground Based Midcourse Defense projects in Alaska, with about \$39 million of that total being spent on construction at Fort Greely.

During the height of the construction season last summer, between 600 and 700 people were working extended shifts at the Fort Greely Site in various construction jobs.