A brief update on the variety of work in the underground industry will be given, as well as an overview of the McCook Tunnels and Shaft Project in Chicago, Illinois. The McCook Reservoir Project Main Tunnel and Gates System project includes building a new 33' diameter tunnel to connect the existing TARP Mainstream Tunnel to the future McCook Reservoir. Once on line, the McCook Reservoir will significantly reduce Chicago area basement and other flooding and it will store sewer overflow water that has previously spilled into area watercourses. The contract for this project is the single largest ever awarded by the Chicago District.

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