

Remembering Mike Mohn

Innovator, Professional, Mentor, Friend

As we deeply mourn the untimely and tragic loss of Mike Mohn, our best tribute is to remember the life he shared with us – and the legacy he left us – during more than 20 years here in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Philadelphia District.

In his duties as a civil engineer in the District's Geo-Environmental Section, Mike took on many complex environmental remediation projects, for which he was well suited thanks to his experience with Betz Industrial Inc., an environmental firm, where he held five patents! His ingenuity was matched by his versatility, as he succeeded comfortably in multiple roles on a variety of projects.

One unique accomplishment was Mike's completion of a revised feasibility study for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 3. The report evaluated remedial alternatives at the Salford Quarry Superfund site in Harleysville, Pa. While the Philadelphia District has managed construction for many Superfund projects over the years, this was the first Superfund feasibility study ever performed in the Philadelphia District and has greatly expanded our expertise in remediation of hazardous and toxic waste. As the project engineer on an especially challenging and complex project, Mike consulted subject matter experts within USACE as well as outside contractors and vendors. The selected alternative substantially reduced the cost of the cleanup by several million dollars relative to the original plan.

For all of Mike's individual talents and achievements, he also made his mark as a trusted and valued mentor to younger colleagues and project team members. He freely shared not just his considerable knowledge, but his accumulated wisdom on how best to apply it. And he was always glad to help out in whatever way he could. Largely because of his consistent and widespread contributions, Mike was honored in 2019 with the Outstanding Achievement Award – highest among the District's annual employee recognition awards.

Mike Mohn was a gifted innovator, a consummate professional, an invaluable mentor, and a dear friend. We miss him already and he will always hold a place in our hearts.

