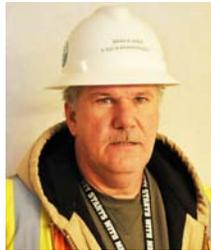


# ARRA Employment Provides Good Fortune In Face Of Adversity For LPP Superintendent

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act could not have come at a better time for Brian Klaiber.

His future at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piketon, Ohio, officially began November 2, 2009, as a superintendent for the X-533



Electrical Switchyard Decontamination and Decommissioning (D&D) project, overseeing the removal of electrical towers, switchhouses and equipment from the switchyard. The position was a welcomed change for the experienced manager, who applied for an ARRA-funded position through the site's cleanup contractor, LATA/Parallax Portsmouth, LLC.

"I had heard from a friend that LPP was holding a job fair in Portsmouth," Klaiber said. "The reason I went to the job fair is that my son was starting college and my wife and I could not afford to pay for it on our current income. So I had to look for a higher paying job. Now, working for LPP has given us the financial opportunity to afford the cost of his college tuition."

Little did Klaiber know at the time that the position would also help him put his family's life back together just eight months after being hired.

"We experienced a flash flood that left us with 37 inches of water that did a great deal of damage to our home and vehicles," Klaiber said of events occurring July 21, 2010. "As a result, we lost two vehicles and just about everything in the downstairs of our home and garage."

Seeing 20 years of memories washed away could have understandably been a breaking point for many. Instead, it served as an occasion for the entire LPP family to rally around one of its own. Site employees held several fundraising events providing nearly \$5,200 to assist Klaiber's family. "Six months later, our home is 95 percent restored and all is well," said Klaiber.



**Strategic planning and effective communication from LPP Superintendent Brian Klaiber were instrumental in removing all components of the 20-acre X-533 Electrical Switchyard and getting the project completed on schedule. Above, Klaiber stands next to oil circuit breakers removed from the yard and placed in an adjoining laydown area. Below, one of four 260-ton synchronous condensers lifted from atop two switch houses shadows Klaiber in the same area.**



“The scope of work for the ARRA projects is rather large and it has been very beneficial to southern Ohio from an economical standpoint,” Klaiber said. “I can personally say it has been a blessing to me and my family and made the future brighter.

“I would like to thank all the people from LPP and other organizations at the Portsmouth plant site for their generosity and care they showed my family and I during this time.”

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