



## EM-Assist Project Team Shares Award-Winning Innovations at International Munitions Conference

**SACRAMENTO, CA – March 6, 2009** – EM-Assist, Inc., a leading provider of environmental services and training solutions to government clients, recently highlighted the technological innovations used to make the cleanup of the Pyramid Lake Torpedo and Bombing Range a noted success at the Second International Dialogue on Underwater Munitions. The former Pyramid Lake Torpedo and Bombing Range is one of many environmental restoration projects EM-Assist has helped the Department of Defense successfully complete.

The International Dialogue on Underwater Munitions draws policy experts, military and government officials, and public and private stakeholders from around the world. The goal of the conference is to create a consultative, collaborative dialogue to help promote technological advances and real-world successes related to the removal and disposal of underwater munitions across the globe.

For the Pyramid Lake Torpedo and Bombing Range project, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers contracted EM-Assist for on-shore logistical support of the U.S. Navy and Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe to recover more than 13 tons of rockets and small arms munitions from the lake bottom at depths of up to 220 feet. EM-Assist worked alongside David Evans & Associates (DEA) to coordinate the use of a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) for ordnance recovery. The Pyramid Lake project team developed and tested protocols for special diving tables needed for deep water at high altitudes and developed an innovative, one-of-a-kind deepwater ordnance recovery system.

The team contributed to savings of over \$140 million for the Department of Defense through the mutually-beneficial partnership among EM-Assist, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Navy, and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. “This is the ultimate cooperative effort: funded by the Native American Land Environmental Mitigation Program (NALEMP), managed by the tribe, mentored by the [Army] Corps, and executed by the Navy with assistance from DEA and EM-Assist,” said Jerry Vincent, Formerly Used Defense Sites Program Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District.

EM-Assist’s innovative work at Pyramid Lake has been recognized at a national level. EM-Assist and the Pyramid Lake project team previously received the Secretary of the Army Environmental Restoration Team Award and the Secretary of Defense Annual Environmental Award.

### **ABOUT EM-ASSIST**

EM-Assist, Inc. is government’s trusted partner for environmental program management, technical support, and training solutions. The company helps clients cost-effectively address their most challenging environmental compliance, information management, conservation and planning, and restoration needs. EM-Assist also helps clients deliver the right training to the right people at the right time by blending custom eLearning courseware with instructor-led training, and by providing efficient training program administration through powerful, easy-to-use learning management systems. EM-Assist, founded in 1996, is headquartered in Folsom, CA and has 120 professionals in multiple offices throughout California, Utah, and Colorado. Additional information can be found on the company’s Website located at [www.EM-Assist.com](http://www.EM-Assist.com).



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