

Congressman Huelskamp Tours Landoll Corporation, Discusses Rail Issues

Manhattan, KS – On October 13, 2015, Congressman Tim Huelskamp (KS-1) joined representatives from Landoll Corporation to tour their Marysville facility, learn about their rail, farming, and OEM equipment, and discuss public policy priorities for the business and rail communities in Kansas. The Railway Engineering-Maintenance Suppliers Association (REMSA), a non-profit trade group representing over 350 railway engineers, contractors, consultants, and suppliers across the country, coordinated the event. The \$3 billion maintenance-of-way industry supports over 30,000 jobs nationwide. Locally, Landoll employs over 850 throughout the region.



Congressman Huelskamp and Don Landoll on tour

Congressman Huelskamp's tour was led by Don Landoll, CEO, Landoll Corporation. Don led the group to the Union Pacific terminal in Marysville, through Landoll's manufacturing facility, and, lastly, to Landoll Lanes for lunch and a presentation.

Also in attendance were:

Dan Caffrey, Landoll, VP of Finance
Carla Grund, Mayor, City of Marysville
Jeff Keating, Landoll, Plant Manager
Jim Ladner, Landoll, Trailer Sales Manager
Tim Manley, Union Pacific, Director of Operations – Marysville
Ryan Nonnemaker, State Director, GoRail, and
Sean Winkler, Grassroots Coordinator, REMSA

Founded in 1963, Landoll Corporation specializes in the innovative design, manufacturing and marketing of quality products and services for the agriculture, transportation, material handling, OEM and government industries. Landoll is a committed corporate citizen, sharing its success with the local community. Currently, the company is working to help a local parish with a renovation and construction project and also recently completed the local reading garden at the public library in Marysville.



Landoll Corporation Marysville Headquarters

Landoll's commitment to supporting crucial Kansas industries and the Marysville community sparked Congressman Huelskamp's interest in touring:

"It was a pleasure to learn the important work that Landoll Corporation is doing in the Marysville community and how their products represent Kansas in a global marketplace. Landoll is a true American success story, filling a vital role in manufacturing equipment to support our Kansas railways," said Congressman Huelskamp. "During my visit, I heard how Washington's regulations are hurting business, particularly relating to Positive Train Control, and I highlighted my small business record of supporting the short line railroad tax credit. For local family businesses like Landoll to thrive and compete around the world, we need less regulations and more certainty from Washington."

The group discussed the private nature of America's freight railroad network which, unlike other modes of freight transportation, does not rely on federal support for the expansion or maintenance of its network. Also discussed were the looming December 2015 PTC implementation deadline and possible extensions. The importance of supporting short line railroads, which help connect Kansas' agricultural, food, and bioenergy suppliers to the mainline, was also addressed.

"At GoRail, we are pleased to be a part of showcasing the great work being done at Landoll to Congressman Huelskamp" said Ryan Nonnemaker. "As Congress considers surface transportation legislation and works to avoid a rail shutdown by extending the deadline for implementation of positive train control, it is critically important that members of the House and Senate know how investments by freight railroads impact companies and communities across the nation."

In Kansas, 13 freight railroads operate and maintain over 4,800 miles of track and support over 5,000 jobs. Farm and food products accounted for approximately 58% of all rail traffic originated in Kansas, followed by chemicals and intermodal.

Industry Coverage:

1. [RT&S: Rep. Huelskamp tours Landoll, discusses policy priorities](#)
2. [Progressive Railroading: Landoll, Railroad Construction Co. of South Jersey, Wasatch Railcar hosts congressional visits](#)

Local Coverage

1. [KNDY: Huelskamp tours REMSA member Landoll Corporation](#)