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New Hope, PA - On June 6, 2016, Congressman Michael Fitzpatrick (R-PA-8) joined representatives from TRAC Lubricants & Coatings (TLC) and the New Hope & Ivyland Railroad for a product demonstration featuring a New Hope & Ivyland locomotive and a discussion on public policy priorities for the business and rail communities in southeast Pennsylvania. The Railway Engineering-Maintenance Suppliers Association (REMSA), a non-profit trade group representing over 340 railway engineers, contractors, consultants, and suppliers across the country, coordinated the event. The \$5 billion maintenance of way industry supports over 35,000 jobs nationwide. Twenty REMSA members maintain operations in Pennsylvania.



New Hope & Ivyland Station

The group was led by TLC President Michael Jumper. Also in attendance were Mike Donovan, General Manager, New Hope & Ivyland Railroad and Sean Winkler, Grassroots Coordinator, REMSA.

"We are honored to jointly host Congressman Fitzpatrick" said Mike Jumper. "TRAC has a proud history of serving customers in the rail industry and especially here in southeast Pennsylvania. It is crucial that our Congressional leaders see the positive economic impacts strong railroads and rail suppliers have on their communities."

TRAC Lubricants & Coatings, based in Yeadon, specializes in the distribution and manufacturing of high performance thin film coatings, dry film lubricants, paints, lubricants, greases, anti-seize and adhesives. They primarily serve the aerospace, rail/transit, medical, industrial and automotive industries. TLC is a proud Pennsylvanian small business and prides itself on its customer service. They proudly count the New Hope & Ivyland Railroad as a reliable customer.



Mike Jumper and Rep. Fitzpatrick

The group discussed the private nature of America's freight railroad network, which does not rely on federal support for the expansion or maintenance of its right-of-way unlike other modes of freight transportation. Also discussed was the recent bipartisan and bicameral introduction of the Building Rail Access for Customers and the Economy (BRACE) Act which is cosponsored by Rep. Fitzpatrick. The BRACE Act will allow the nation's small, local freight railroads to increase their reinvestments to upgrade and expand the "first and last mile" of transportation infrastructure by making the Short Line Tax Credit permanent.

In Pennsylvania, approximately 57 freight railroads operate and maintain over 5,000 miles of track and support over 7,000 jobs.

Local Coverage:

1. New Hope Free Press: Congressman Fitzpatrick Attends Lubricant Company Demonstration, Policy Discussion in New Hope
(<http://newhopefreepress.com/2016/06/06/congressman-fitzpatrick-attends-lubricant-company-demonstration-policy-discussion-in-new-hope/>)

Industry Coverage:

1. RT&S: Rep. Fitzpatrick joins TRAC Lubricants and Coatings and the New Hope and Ivyland Railroad for demonstration, discussion
(<http://www.rtands.com/index.php/track-maintenance/off-track-maintenance/rep-fitzpatrick-joins-trac-lubricants-and-coatings-and-the-new-hope-and-ivyland-railroad-for-demonstration-discussion.html?channel=>)

PRESS RELEASES (GRASSROOTSPR)

- > **PortaCo Hosts Rep. Peterson's Staff for Tour and Discussion**
(portaco)
- > **Congressman Joyce joins Iron Horse Engineering, MAGNET, and REMSA for tour, highlights rail and manufacturing in Ohio** (ironhorse)
- > **Sen. Graham, Scott staff joins GoRail and REMSA for Koppers tour** (koppersc)
- > **Sen. Corker's Transportation Staffer Joins UNITRAC for Tour, Discusses Rail Issues** (unitrac2016)
- > **Rep. Coffman's Chief and Sen. Gardner's Regional Director Tour New RTD Maintenance Facility, Discuss Rail & Transit Issues** (balfourrtd)
- > **Congresswoman Bustos tours REMSA member Rail Construction Equipment, discusses rail issues** (rcebustos)

- > **Congressman Fitzpatrick joins REMSA member TRAC Lubricants & Coatings and the New Hope & Ivyland Railroad for demonstration, discussion (newhopetrac)**
- > **Rep. Polis joins REMSA Member Encore Rail Systems for Demonstration, Discussion (encorepolis)**
- > **Senator Debbie Stabenow Joins REMSA Member Harsco Rail, UAW Local 811 for Tour and Policy Discussion (harscostabenow)**
- > **Congressman Rod Blum Joins REMSA Member HiRAIL for Tour and Rail Discussion (hirailblum)**
- > **REMSA Member Flexovit USA hosts Congressman Collins for reopening tour, policy discussion (flexovitcollins)**
- > **REMSA Members LT Resources, American TieTek host Congressman Gohmert for tour, rail discussion (tietekgohmert)**
- > **Congressman Mike Rogers Joins REMSA Member Knox Kershaw and Alabama Railroads for Tour and Discussion (knoxkershaw)**
- > **Congressman Flores Staff and Waco Mayor Kyle Deaver Join NRC/REMSA Member Axion Structural Innovations for Tour, Rail Discussion (axionflores)**

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