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## **Satsop Business Park tunnel training facility featured in international tunnels magazine**

ELMA, Wash – With tunnel construction on the rise across the nation, contractors and emergency responders are required to train their personnel in case of a tunnel based emergency. Satsop Business Park responded last year with a decision to create a tunnel training facility utilizing existing infrastructure that allows trainers to create realistic tunnel emergencies in a safe, controlled environment. That decision is attracting international attention in *Tunnels & Tunnelling International* magazine's June/July edition.

*Tunnels & Tunnelling International* publishes a monthly magazine and digital version that reaches the tunneling community in more than 100 countries. Local longtime journalist, Gail Ayres, tells the success story of Satsop Business Park's tunnel training facility in the latest edition.

"We are very excited to share our experience and promote the facility to an international audience," expressed Alissa Thurman, Manager of Business Development at Satsop Business Park. "The tunnels are truly a unique asset and we would love to see them more widely used for tunnel rescue training and tunnel construction training."

The tunnels, which are actually 12ft-diameter water pipes located 27ft below ground, were excavated, cut into and then enhanced with safety and utility systems in 2012. Since then, the training facility has welcomed groups such as the Seattle Fire Department, the Northwest Laborers-Employers Training Trust, and the James W. Fowler Co.

[To read the article and To](#) learn more about how to put the Satsop Tunnel Training Facility to work for your company, visit the Satsop Business Park website at [Satsop.com](http://Satsop.com) or contact Ms. Thurman at 360-482-1651.

Satsop Business Park, a facility of the Port of Grays Harbor, is less than 2 hours southwest of Seattle and 2 hours north of Portland. Located in scenic Grays Harbor County in Elma, Washington the 1,800 acre mixed-use business and industrial park is approximately 30 minutes from Olympia and the I-5 Corridor. A part of the Grays Harbor Innovation Partnership Zone, it is home to more than 30 businesses, offers 600 acres of developed, pad-ready land and buildings supported by super-sized infrastructure, surrounded by 1,200 acres of sustainable managed forestland.



*The Seattle Fire Department used the Satsop Business Park tunnel training facility for the first time in October 2012.*

