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## New Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital Under Construction at Pease Tradeport

Construction is well underway for the new Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital at the Pease Tradeport Campus in Portsmouth, NH. The 46,000 square foot, two-story facility is the third inpatient hospital for the Northeast Rehabilitation Health Network which has similar facilities in Salem and Nashua, NH. The new 33 bed inpatient acute rehabilitation hospital will serve the acute rehabilitation needs of the seacoast of New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts. The Northeast Rehabilitation Health Network also has several outpatient locations throughout the Merrimack Valley in Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire.

Sitework began in late April 2010 and foundations are in place. Steel erection began in mid July.

JSA, Inc. of Portsmouth, NH is the architect for this project which will be ready for occupancy in the spring of 2011.



Architect's rendering of new Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital under construction at the Pease Tradeport in Portsmouth, NH.

## North Branch Personnel Earn Healthcare Construction Certificates

Five Project Managers and Superintendents from North Branch Construction recently earned their Healthcare Construction Certificate (HCC) from the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) of the American Hospital Association. James Schwartzkopf, Vice President and Project Manager; Joseph Campbell, Project Manager; Chuck Acevedo, Superintendent; Darren Finch, Superintendent; and Tom Hanley, Superintendent, participated in the two-day program.

The curriculum for this program includes all aspects of healthcare construction from Life Safety, Infectious Control, Electric,

cal, MEP and Medical Gas Systems, to Quality Control, Patient Safety and Construction Risk Assessment.

The certification involves a two-day training seminar and completion of on-line coursework related to healthcare construction and renovation.

Completion of this certification course exemplifies the level of knowledge and expertise that North Branch brings to the construction site and provides their clients.

North Branch is committed to training and education which provides their clients with *"a level of value and service that is unrivaled in the construction industry"*.

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## WHODUNIT?

**A** workman was killed (murdered) at a construction site. The police began questioning a number of the other workers based on past brushes with the law, many of these workers were considered prime suspects:

**The electrician** was suspected of wiretapping once, but was never charged.

**The carpenter** thought he was a stud. He tried to frame another man one time.

**The glazier** went to great panes to conceal his past. He still claims that he didn't do anything; he said he was framed.

**The painter** had a brush with the law several years ago.

**The heating, ventilation and A/C contractor** was known to pack heat. He was arrested once, but duct the charges.

**The mason** was suspect because he gets stoned regularly.

**The cabinet maker** is an accomplished counter fitter.

The autopsy led the police to arrest the **carpenter**, who subsequently confessed. The evidence against him was irrefutable, because it was found the workman, when he died, was hammered.

*Courtesy of Richard Hawk's Safety Stuff  
Make Safety Fun*

## Safety Slogans

Here's a few slogans to post around the jobsite to remind people of safety's importance:

- Falling Objects can be brutal, if you don't protect your noodle.
- The hotter it gets on the outside, the more water you need on the inside.
- Quench the thirst - safety first.
- Why learn the hard way? Obey safety rules.
- Working without safety is a dead-end job.
- Don't get caught with your guard off...it could be dis-arming.
- A harness is better than a hearse.
- Safety - the measure of success.
- If in doubt, check it out - Safety First.
- Yes, safety is my business.

## North Branch Safety Corner

### North Branch Construction Receives Lead-Safe Certification from EPA



**E**ffective April 22, 2010, contractors performing renovations, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in target housing and child occupied facilities built before 1978 must be certified and must follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. North Branch Construction has received this certification.

Firms must be certified by an accredited training provider (accredited by the EPA) and have one or more Certified Renovators on site. Renovation workers must also be trained. Certified Renovators are responsible for either documenting the training of their workers or may opt to have their workers also trained as Certified Renovators. Firms who knowingly or willingly violate the EPA regulation may be fined up to \$32,500 for each violation. Firms performing renovations must ensure that:

- 1) All individuals performing activities that disturb painted surfaces on behalf of the firm are either certified renovators or have been trained by a certified renovator.
- 2) A certified renovator is assigned to each renovation and performs all of the certified renovator responsibilities.
- 3) All renovations performed by the firm are performed in accordance with the work practice standards of the Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program.
- 4) Pre-renovation education requirements of the Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program are performed.
- 5) The program's recordkeeping requirements are met.

WHAT'S  
NEW...?

## New Product Combines the Best of the Old into New *(slashing labor costs while boosting moisture protection)*

Regular readers of *NORTH BRANCH NEWS* may recall we featured mortar-net drainage systems and weep tabs in a past issue. MortarNet USA has taken the some of the best of their products and combined them into one new labor saving product.

Mortar Net USA has won top awards for its innovative products for controlling moisture in masonry construction, but their patented new *TOTALFlash*—introduced earlier this year—may be their most ingenious idea yet. They’ve taken all the most effective moisture-control methods used in cavity-wall construction, plus all the necessary installation equipment, and pre-assembled them right into handy, pre-cut panels of flexible flashing.

The labor savings are created by two

main features of *TOTALFlash*: **A.** Since the basis of *TOTALFlash* is a pre-cut, 5 1/2 foot flashing-panel, masons no longer have to waste labor-time cutting clumsy rolls of flashing. They can just take each fully assembled panel out of the box and screw it into the back wall of the cavity, a process that can be done in seconds. **B.** With all components built right in, there’s no downtime waiting for separate items to be delivered.

It all adds up to far lower labor costs, while providing much higher moisture-control than most systems being installed today. Furthermore, complete coverage is enforced by clearly-marked lap-joints.

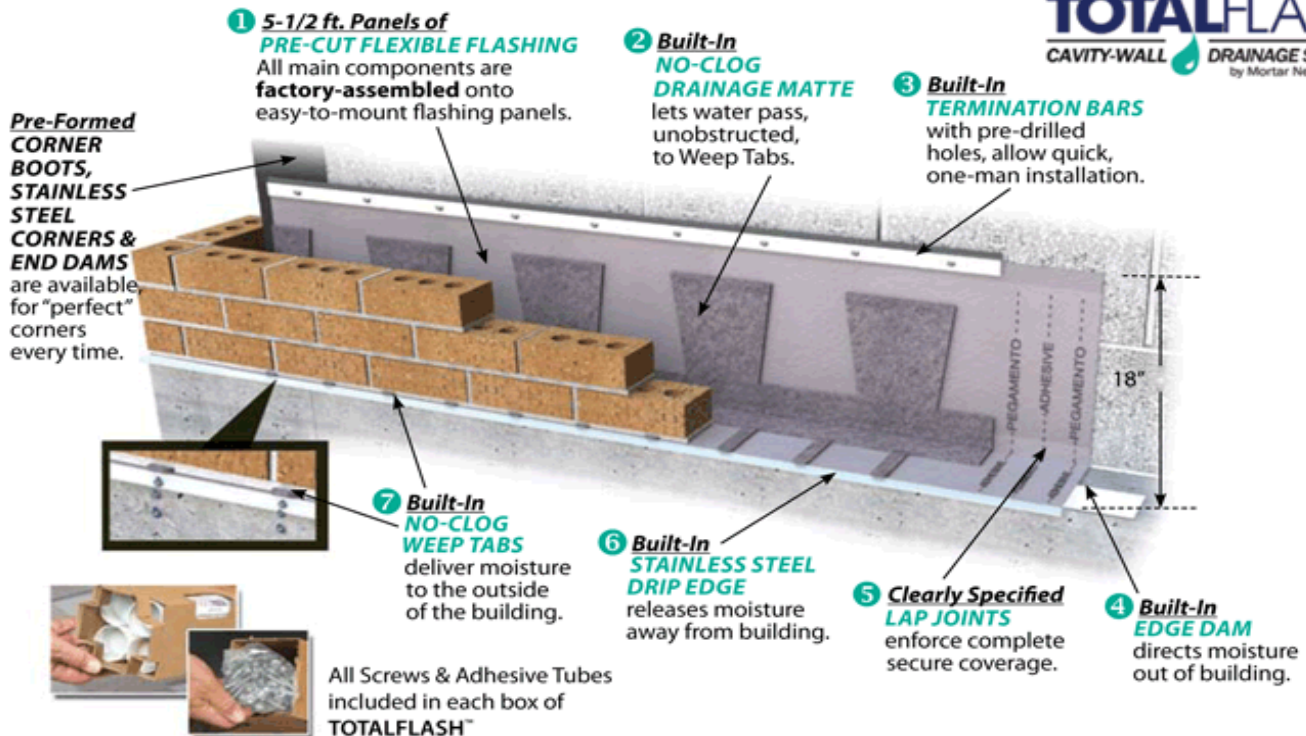
Here’s what *TOTALFlash* delivers, built into each 5 1/2 foot (5 ft. net), pre-cut, pre-assembled panel:

- 5 1/2 foot (5 ft. net), Pre-Cut Panels of Flexible Flashing. No cutting needed.

- *Built-In* Termination Bar. Just screw it in.
- *Built-In* Drainage Matte defeats mortar-droppings.
- *Built-In* Edge Dams.
- *Built-In* No-Clog Weep Tabs.
- *Built-In* Stainless Steel Drip Edge.
- Clearly Defined Lap-Joints for precise coverage.
- All Screws & Adhesives included in each package.
- Stainless Steel Corners, Corner Boots, and End Dams available.

Mortar Net USA reports that the builders who have used *TOTALFlash* in their masonry cavity-walls have seen labor savings of 50% or more, compared to conventional moisture-control detailing.

**TOTALFLASH**  
CAVITY-WALL DRAINAGE SYSTEM  
By Mortar Net USA, Ltd.



# Going, Going, Gone...Sutton Makes Way for New DPW Building

**A**fter two years of meetings, discussions and planning, the Town of Sutton voters approved the Design/Build plan to replace their existing 44-year old, 2,900 square foot highway garage with a new 9,984 square foot \$1.2 million facility. The existing facility was demolished in late May. The new wood framed building will feature 7 bays (including a wash bay), office space, a break room, a locker room, a cistern and sprinkler system.

TF Moran has teamed with North Branch providing civil, structural and architectural plans. Framing for the new structure is underway and is scheduled for completion in early November.



**Out with the old in with the new. Above: The old Sutton DPW Building is demolished to make way for a new facility. Below: Framing is underway for the new building.**



*“Grass is the cheapest plant to install and the most expensive to maintain.”*  
Pat Howell

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