

This may come as a shock to you, faithful GeoSampler readers, but we recently received something in the mail that made us stop dead in our tracks. No, it wasn't a subpoena; It was a nice note commending us on a job well done. Perhaps you've received a note like this recently, too. That got us to thinking about the importance of one simple thought: ATTABOY!

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According to Merriam-Webster, "Attaboy" is used to express encouragement, approval, or admiration. Its first known use was in 1909 when it was considered to probably be an alteration of "that's the boy." You may be familiar with its cousin or, actually, sister, "Attagirl," which is an equally enthusiastic expression of encouragement with a slight gender difference.

### But what really is an "attaboy?"

In the spirit of a recent "thanks"-based holiday, we're taking a moment to offer a few 'attaboys' and 'attagirls' to those we've been fortunate to come across during the past year. We encourage you to join us. Pass along an 'atta' to someone who's made your day. Or even made you a nice cup of coffee. It feels good to both give and receive. Trust us on that one.

Attaboys to ...

- The UPS guy who always stops in when we have a pick up
- Everyone who appropriately labels his or her samples before sending to the lab
- All the troops protecting our homeland
- Faithful readers who comment appreciatively when they receive a postcard from us (and you know who you are)
- Atterberg for knowing his limits
- St. Patrick
- Whoever came up with ROY G BIV
- Everyone working hard in the coal combustion products business
- The guy who makes the donuts
- Dr. Terzaghi
- Reuben, the inventor of the reuben

- Kelly, who always answers the phone with a smile
- All those who know the importance of a geosynthetic liner
- Sir Isaac Newton for taking one (on the head) for the team
- The first guy who ever cracked open an oyster and said, "Hey, that looks good; let's eat it!"
- Everyone who's ever visited our Facebook page



- Mike for making one heckuva sandwich
- Kanye West for making award shows more interesting
- The genius behind the turducken
- Every Mom in the world because we can't imagine a tougher job than that
- Tiger Woods for making all the rest of us look like saints
- All the saints for showing us our true destiny
- Destiny, who has a new home at the Consol Energy Center

- Mr. Garmin for giving us a whole new way to get lost
- Everyone who has trusted us to not only test samples, but come up with unique solutions to their most challenging problems. Attaboy! Attagirl! Attatham!

### REGISTER YOUR "ATTABOY" HERE AND WIN

Got someone you'd like to give a shout out to? Send it to us and not only will we publish it in an upcoming issue of the GeoSampler, but you could win a fantastic prize. Just send your "Attaboy/Attagirl" to [info@geotechnics.net](mailto:info@geotechnics.net).

*The day after tomorrow is the third day of the rest of your life. —George Carlin*



He ate so much over the holidays that he decided to quit cold turkey.

Pencils could be made with erasers at both ends, but what would be the point?

After working for 24 hours straight he called it a day.

He bent over to pick up a sieve and strained himself.

If ionized fertilizer is delivered after business hours, the nitrate will be charged.

I couldn't quite remember how to throw a boomerang, but eventually it came back to me.

Police were called to a daycare where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

I was going to buy a book on phobias, but I was afraid it wouldn't help me

Deafness is getting to be quite a problem for me lately. I never thought I'd hear myself say that.

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

Yesterday I accidentally swallowed some food coloring. The doctor says I'm OK, but I feel like I've dyed a little inside.

A hungry traveller stops at a monastery and is taken to the kitchens. A brother is frying chips. 'Are you the friar?' he asks. 'No. I'm the chip monk,' he replies.



# ATTABOYS FOR THE ATTABOYS

As mentioned, we received a couple of nice notes from clients recently and thought you might like to see them to give you a few ideas on attaboys you want to pass along to others. We sure appreciate the kind words from our partners in the lab and in the field.

“The field work for the project has just been completed. Jesse Patton was the CQA field technician. He worked diligently in hot summer weather during construction of the clay infiltration layer and geocomposite drainage layer. His duties included weeks of lugging a nuclear density gauge up and down 9 acres of slope. Jesse kept his spirits up during both the slow and hectic times. His 70 detailed daily field activity logs were excellent. He kept up with his paperwork and his data reports were complete. It was a pleasure working with him.

The general contractor's superintendent was also very complimentary about Jesse. He told me he was knowledgeable, hard working, cooperative, and respectful. He said he has not worked with a better field technician and also commented that Geotechnics should “take good care of him” in order to retain such a valuable employee.”

“I just wanted to let you know that BK did a really nice job for us. We completed our review of his field forms and everything was in good order, and easy to follow. He was a pleasure to work with, and just has a really nice, easy-going personality. I don't have his email address, so assuming he has one, would you please forward this to him?”

## The Must-Read of the Year

*If you're a fan of coal combustion products like we are, you don't want to miss the newly published "Resource Recycle Rethink Reexamine Reengineer Report" from Geotechnics. To get your very own copy or have an invigorating conversation on the topic, please call Randy at 412-823-7600.*



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