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## PROPOSED PLAN RELEASED FOR SEAWAY FUSRAP SITE PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD

**BUFFALO** -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, issued the Proposed Plan for the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Seaway Site located on River Road in the Town of Tonawanda, NY, for public comment from August 27, 2008, to October 27, 2008.

A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Community Room of the Phillip Sheridan Building at 3200 Elmwood Avenue, Kenmore, NY, to provide the public with an opportunity to learn more about the alternatives developed for the Seaway Site and to submit their comments on the Proposed Plan.

The Proposed Plan for the Seaway Site is available on the Buffalo District Seaway Site Public Website at: <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap/seaway>. The Corps invites the public to review the Proposed Plan and the supporting documents which further describe the conditions at the Seaway Site and form the basis for the Preferred Alternative. The Administrative Record File for the Seaway Site is currently in the Tonawanda Public Library, 333 Main Street, Tonawanda, N.Y. and by appointment in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District office located at 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, N.Y. Copies may be requested from the Corps in writing by mail, through e-mail to [fusrap@usace.army.mil](mailto:fusrap@usace.army.mil) or by calling 800-833-6390.

Written comments will be accepted if postmarked by October 27, 2008, and should be sent to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, FUSRAP Team, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14207.

The Seaway Site is located at the Seaway Industrial Park on River Road in Tonawanda, New York. The site contains a landfill that became contaminated with materials containing low levels of residual radioactivity during the 1970's, when material that had been disposed of at the FUSRAP Ashland 1 Site was relocated by Ashland Oil during site renovations. The material originated from the uranium processing activities conducted at the former Linde Site in Tonawanda.

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The Preferred Alternative for site remediation is Alternative 6, Containment, which involves the capping of Areas A, B, and C within the landfill with a landfill cover 4 - 5.5 feet thick, and grading as required. The cap would be constructed of multiple layers of various types of soil, fabric, and geomembranes designed to provide protection. The alternative also includes excavation and shipping for off- site disposal of approximately 8,000 cubic yards of FUSRAP-related contaminated materials located outside the landfill containment system that exceed the cleanup criteria. Long-term surveillance and maintenance of FUSRAP-related materials in capped areas would be performed by the Federal Government and includes ensuring that land-use controls are in place to prevent future access to and disturbance of the contained waste. This alternative optimizes the balance among the considered alternatives with respect to the evaluation criteria, complies with applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements, will be protective of human health and the environment, and is considered cost effective.

The proposed remedy is authorized under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program.