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COMMENT PERIOD CLOSING SOON FOR THE SEAWAY FUSRAP SITE PROPOSED PLAN

BUFFALO -- The 60-day comment period for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Proposed Plan for the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Seaway Site, located in Tonawanda, New York, closes on October 27, 2008.

"I encourage all interested parties to mail their comments on the Proposed Plan to us before the comment period closes," stated Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Snead, Buffalo District Commander. "The Corps will carefully review and evaluate all comments received before making a final decision on the cleanup remedy for the Seaway Site, so it is very important that the community submit any comments they have during the formal comment period."

The Seaway Site is located on River Road in Tonawanda, New York. The site contains a commercial landfill that became contaminated with low-level radioactive residuals during the 1970's, when material that had been disposed of at the Ashland 1 FUSRAP Site was relocated by Ashland Oil during site renovations. The FUSRAP material in the Seaway Site originated from uranium processing activities conducted at the Linde FUSRAP Site in Tonawanda as part of the Nation's early atomic energy and weapons program.

The Proposed Plan presents the Preferred Alternative for remediation of the Seaway Site, Containment, which involves capping all of the FUSRAP material within the landfill, and maintenance and monitoring of the cap and appropriate land-use controls to prevent future disturbance of the capped material. In addition, approximately 8,000 cubic yards of FUSRAP material exceeding cleanup criteria that is located on the site but outside of the landfill containment system will be excavated and shipped off-site for disposal. The Preferred Alternative complies with requirements or standards under Federal and applicable state environmental laws and is protective of human health and the environment in the long-term. In addition, the Preferred Alternative poses the least potential risk to human health and the environment during implementation, can be implemented in the shortest amount of time, and is the most cost effective of the remedial alternatives evaluated.

The Administrative Record File, which contains the Proposed Plan and other documents used during the decision making process for the Seaway Site, is currently available in the Tonawanda Public Library, 333 Main Street, Tonawanda, N.Y., and by appointment at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District office, located at 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, N.Y. The Proposed Plan is also available on the Seaway Public Website at <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap/seaway>. Written comments on the Proposed Plan will be accepted if postmarked by October 27, 2008, and should be mailed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, FUSRAP Team, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14207; or sent via e-mail to fusrap@usace.army.mil by close of business on October 27.