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FORMERLY UTILIZED SITES REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAM

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ASHLAND 1 INFORMATION SESSION TO BE HELD

TONAWANDA - The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) - Buffalo District will be holding an Information Session for the Ashland 1 Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Site on Thursday, April 27, 2000 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Community Room of the Philip Sheridan Building at 3200 Elmwood Avenue in Kenmore, New York.

Representatives of the Corps will be available to provide information and answer questions in regard to the remedial action at the Ashland 1 Site and the sampling of Rattlesnake Creek. The Corps began excavating soil containing low-levels of residual radioactivity at the site in June 1999. Approximately 85,000 cubic yards of material above the site-specific guideline of 40 picocuries per gram of Thorium-230 has been excavated to date. The excavated soil is placed in intermodal containers, sealed, and loaded onto railcars for shipment to International Uranium Corporation's White Mesa Mill, located near Blanding, Utah.

The Ashland 1 Site is being remediated in accordance with a Record of Decision signed in April, 1998. Excavation of the site is currently proceeding ahead of schedule. Surveillance activities and environmental monitoring will continually be in effect throughout the remediation. Protection of the public and site workers is the main focus of this operation.

The Corps will also provide an update on the sampling of Rattlesnake Creek. During quality assurance testing performed at the Ashland 2 Site, levels of uranium were discovered in the Creek which were slightly above background. Analysis of the data collected indicated that the Creek is safe and the uranium levels were within regulatory guidelines. Additional samples will be taken from Rattlesnake Creek, including a section of Two Mile Creek downstream to the Niagara River.

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