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INFORMATION SESSION TO BE HELD

TONAWANDA -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, will hold an Information Session to present information on their investigation of Rattlesnake Creek under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). The session will be held on Thursday, July 1, 1999 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Community Room of the Phillip Sheridan Building at 3200 Elmwood Avenue in Kenmore, New York.

Rattlesnake Creek, directly adjacent to the Ashland 2 Site, is an intermittent creek that does not have water flowing in it the majority of the time. While performing routine verification sampling at the FUSRAP Ashland 2 Site, the Corps discovered levels of Uranium in the creek without the corresponding levels of Thorium and Radium typically present in FUSRAP material. The material identified in the creek poses no health risks to nearby residents who do not come in prolonged direct contact with the impacted sub-surface soils. Even under conservative future land-use scenarios where the impacted area is used more actively, potential health risks are within regulatory levels. The Corps will present the results of the investigation and answer questions at the meeting.

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