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PROPOSED PLAN RELEASED FOR HARSHAW FUSRAP SITE INVESTIGATIVE AREA; PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD

BUFFALO -- The US Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District (USACE) has issued, for public comment, the Proposed Plan for Investigative Area (IA) 06 of the former Harshaw Chemical Company Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Site. The Harshaw FUSRAP Site is located at 1000 Harvard Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio. IA 06 includes the soil in a six-acre area associated with an undeveloped parcel located north of Harvard Avenue and east of the Cuyahoga River that was once owned by the former Harshaw Chemical Company.

The Proposed Plan recommends no further action based upon the most likely land-use scenario of recreational user for IA 06 of the site. There are no FUSRAP-related radiological or chemical constituents in IA 06 that would pose a risk to human health under the current and reasonable future land-use scenarios.

The comment period for the Proposed Plan begins on April 26, 2010, and ends on May 26, 2010. Written comments can be emailed to fusrap@usace.army.mil by close of business on May 26, 2010, or by postal mail to the USACE FUSRAP Team, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14207-3199 postmarked by May 26, 2010.

A public meeting will be held on May 12, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the State Boat Landing Room of the Cleveland Metroparks' Leonard Kreiger CanalWay Center, Ohio and Erie Canal Reservation, located off of 4524 East 49th Street, Cuyahoga Heights, OH 44125.

The Proposed Plan is available for review in the Administrative Record File in the Cuyahoga County Library, Brooklyn Branch, 4480 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio 44144. The Administrative Record File includes the documents that support the decision-making process for the former Harshaw Chemical Company FUSRAP Site, including the recently released Revised Remedial Investigation Report.

From 1944 to 1959, the former Harshaw Chemical Company was contracted by the Manhattan Engineer District (MED) and the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) to produce uranium that was then sent to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, for isotopic separation and enrichment. No known process-related activities were conducted in IA 06. No buildings are present in IA 06 and findings from a historic aerial photo analysis show no evidence of past development. Historical information indicates this area was used for general construction debris fill activities.

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Additional information is available regarding the former Harshaw Chemical Company FUSRAP Site on the Buffalo District webpage at: www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap/harshaw or by calling 800-833-6390 (option 4).

The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 established a compensation program for workers involved in the nation's atomic weapons program. The US Department of Labor's Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation (DOL DEEOIC) has already awarded over \$5.6 million in compensation for employees of the Harshaw Plant. The program pays \$150,000, plus related medical benefits, if an employee develops cancer due to his/her exposure to radiation at the plant. The lump-sum benefit remains available for payment to a deceased employee's surviving spouse, child(ren), etc.

Representatives of the DOL's program will be available to answer questions at the upcoming meeting on May 12th. Information about the program is also available by calling the DOL's Cleveland district office at their toll-free number 1-888- 859-7211 or the Portsmouth Resource Center toll-free at 1-866-363-6993, or by visiting the program's website at <http://www.dol.gov/owcp/energy/>.

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