

Harshaw News from the Corps

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Hello from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District:

Thank you to those that provided comments on the Proposed Plan for Investigative Area-06 of the former Harshaw Chemical Company Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Site. After consideration of comments received from the community, a no action Record of Decision for IA-06 has been approved. This Record of Decision documents the Corps' decision that the IA-06 parcel does not require any remedial action under FUSRAP for the future use of the site. Responses to comments received from the community are included as Part III of the Record of Decision.

The no action Record of Decision for IA-06 is protective of human health and the environment. Cancer and non-cancer risks in IA-06 from FUSRAP-related constituents are below the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's risk limit for the current and reasonably anticipated future land use, recreational.

From 1944 to 1959, the former Harshaw Chemical Company was contracted by the Manhattan Engineer District and the Atomic Energy Commission 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. There are no buildings in IA-06 and a historical aerial photo analysis shows no evidence of past development. Historical information indicates this area was used for general construction debris fill activities.

The Record of Decision is now available to the public in Administrative Record for the former Harshaw Chemical Company FUSRAP Site in the Cuyahoga County Public Library, Brooklyn Branch, which is located at 4480 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio. It is also available on the Buffalo District website at www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap/harshaw.