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TAP-WATER SAMPLING RESULTS RELEASED

LUCKEY - The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, and the Wood County Health Department have released the results of tap water sampling performed at 39 selected residences/businesses in the vicinity of the Luckey Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Site.

Permission for sampling was granted for 39 of the 76 residences/businesses that received requests. Letters have been sent to those residents informing them of their tap water testing results. Tap water was sampled for beryllium, manganese and total uranium. Beryllium was not detected in the tap water of any of the sampled residences. Manganese levels in the tap water samples taken ranged from non-detect to 31.2 micrograms per liter. These results are below the drinking water standard for manganese of 50 micrograms per liter. Total uranium levels in the tap water samples taken ranged from non-detect to 14.0 micrograms per liter. These results are below the drinking water standard for total uranium of 30 micrograms per liter. All results are within the range of naturally occurring concentrations typically present in residential drinking water wells throughout the United States.(1)

In response to concerns expressed by Luckey area residents at an information workshop held by the Buffalo District in September 2000, a sampling plan was developed jointly by the Corps and the Wood County Health Department. Registered Sanitarians from the Wood County Health Department collected the samples. The Wood County Health Department tested samples for coliform bacteria and nitrate, materials not associated with the former beryllium processing activities at the site. The Wood County Health Department has informed the residents of these results.

These tests provide additional validation for residents on the safety of the tap water in the area surrounding the Luckey FUSRAP Site.

Citizens interested in being added to the Luckey Site mailing list or seeking additional information regarding the site can contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, FUSRAP Public Information Center toll-free at 1-800-833-6390. The Internet website for the Buffalo District is <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap>. E-mail can be addressed to fusrap@usace.army.mil.

(1) F. van der Leeden, F. L. Troise, and D. K. Todd. The Water Encyclopedia, 2nd Ed. Chelsea, MI: Lewis Publishers, Inc. 1990.

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