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FORMERLY UTILIZED SITES REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAM

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Record of Decision Reached on FUSRAP Painesville Site

BUFFALO, NY - (5/5/06) - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Painesville Site on April 7, 2006. The Record of Decision documents the Selected Remedy for cleanup of the site, selected from the remediation alternatives put forth in the Proposed Plan issued in July 2005. In accordance with the Selected Remedy (listed as Alternative 3 in the Proposed Plan), the Corps will excavate and remove contaminated soil from the site, and dispose of it in an appropriate permitted/licensed disposal facility outside the state of Ohio. This alternative is considered to be the most protective in the long-term, because all the soils that are contaminated above the set cleanup goals for the site will be permanently removed from the site.

The Corps held a public meeting on July 26, 2005 in Fairport Harbor, Ohio, to discuss with the public the options for cleanup of the site. Public participation included both the public meeting and a formal comment period. The Corps of Engineers received eleven verbal comments during the public meeting, and ten formal written comments. The Corps reviewed the comments and responded to each of them in the Responsiveness Summary portion of the Record of Decision.

The Painesville FUSRAP site is a 30-acre lot located at 720 Fairport-Nursery Road in Painesville, Ohio. In the early 1940s, the Defense Plant Corporation financed construction of a magnesium production facility on property acquired by the Federal Government. The Diamond Magnesium Company operated the facility under contract to the Federal Government from 1942 to 1953. In 1952 and 1953, Diamond Magnesium received about 1,650 tons of radioactively contaminated scrap steel from the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works, which was used to control chlorine emissions during the magnesium production process. The scrap steel was consumed in the magnesium production process; however, it is believed that soils at the site were contaminated while the scrap steel was in storage, prior to use. At the time of the magnesium production work, the site was covered by large buildings and rail lines.

The Selected Remedy is protective of human health and the environment, complies with Federal and State requirements that are applicable or relevant and appropriate to the remedial action, and is cost effective.

The Record of Decision is available for viewing in the Administrative Record File at the Fairport Public Library in Fairport, Ohio, the Morley Public Library in Painesville, Ohio, and at the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District Office, located at 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York, and on the Buffalo District website at: www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap.

The Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) was created to identify, investigate and cleanup or control sites throughout the United States that were contaminated by activities conducted by the Manhattan Engineer District (MED) or the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) as part of the Nation's early atomic weapons and energy programs. The Corps' execution of FUSRAP follows the Comprehensive Environmental Response,

Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

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