

# Tonawanda Site

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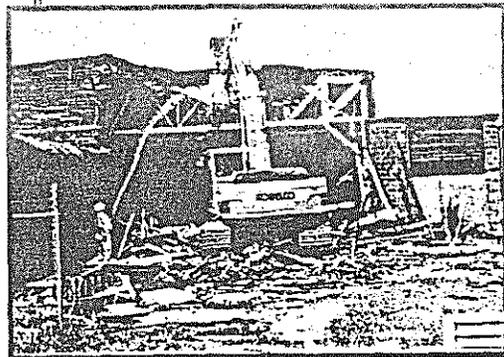
## DOE and Community Agree on General Cleanup Issues

On August 6, 1996, Department of Energy officials met with Congressman LaFalce and local elected officials to discuss cleanup of the Tonawanda sites. Also in attendance were representatives from the media, Envirocare of Utah, and Dawn Mining.

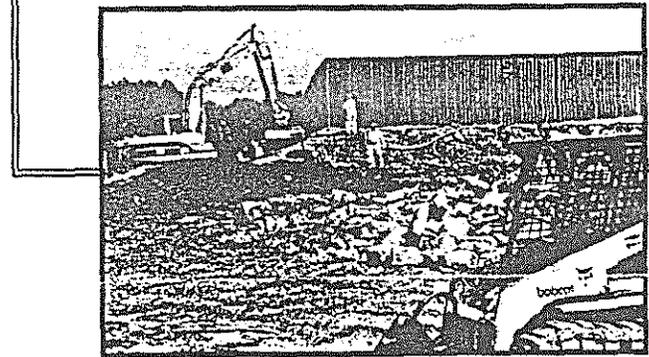
Points of agreement include that DOE will no longer consider a remedy for cleaning up the site that involves construction of an onsite disposal cell on one of the properties, and that the planned use of the properties as indicated in the Waterfront Region Master Plan for the Town of Tonawanda will be the basis for the development of the cleanup plan. Officials representing the community agreed that residual soil concentration guidelines will be developed based on the planned land use and federal cleanup standards. Cleanup to these criteria will ensure that DOE meets guidelines of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The completion target for development of a remedy is December 31, 1996.

## Praxair Interim Action Update

- Building 31 - Cleanup completed
- Building 38 - Demolition under way
- Soil pile - Removal under way
- Building 14 - Cleanup activities continuing
- Building 30 - Cleanup begins in October



At left is Building 38 during demolition; note water being sprayed to reduce dust. Below, the soil pile removal activities in progress.



## FUSRAP Prepares Ten-Year Plan

Al Alm, Department of Energy Assistant Secretary of Environmental Management (EM), has developed a vision and principles for dramatically accelerating the EM Program, which includes the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). This new vision is that, within a decade and with no growth in funding, the EM Program will complete cleanup of most sites.

At a small number of sites, treatment will continue for the few remaining waste streams. This unifying vision will drive budget decisions, sequencing of projects, and actions taken to meet program objectives. To achieve this vision, a Ten-Year Plan is being prepared by all DOE sites using the following seven principles:

- Eliminate the most urgent risks,
- Reduce mortgage and support costs to free up funds for further reduction,
- Protect worker health and safety,
- Create a collaborative relationship between DOE and its regulators and stakeholders,

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## Ten-Year Plan

- Focus technology development of cost and risk reduction, and
- Integrate waste treatment and disposal across sites.

The corresponding FUSRAP Ten-Year Plan is to complete cleanup of all sites, including Tonawanda, by the end of 2006. To meet this challenge within the funding targets will require the selection of remedies that are cost-effective as well as protective. In accordance with the national dialog on Superfund reauthorization, these remedies will likely be based on realistic risk analysis, most probable future land uses, the need to incorporate a combination of selective removal of highest risk contamination, and stabilization of material onsite.

A copy of the plan will be maintained in the Public Information Office located at 810 Sheridan Drive in Tonawanda, (716) 871-9660. After an extensive stakeholder coordination process, these plans will be completed in November and will be used for budget decisions in early fiscal year 1997. These plans will also be used to evaluate the performance of all programs in meeting the DOE EM vision and mission.

## CANiT Corner

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CANiT was contacted by a newly licensed disposal facility with a potential alternative for the disposal of the FUSRAP wastes in Tonawanda. In April, Dawn Mining Company of Ford, WA, presented a plan to the CANiT members for the ultimate disposal of 11e(2) waste material. Company representatives were joined by members of the Local Community Monitoring Committee of Ford, WA. The Committee consists of Ford residents who support the proposal in hopes that the funds generated by the disposal will be used to remediate and properly close the Dawn Mining site. Dawn Mining submitted an unsolicited proposal to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in March 1996. The proposal was not accepted because of procurement restrictions.

On May 16, 1996, MJW Consultants provided a presentation to the members of CANiT on New York State and DOE standards for radioactive contaminated sites. This information was used to evaluate the proposed criteria discussed in the *Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis for the Interim Actions at the Praxair Site in Tonawanda*.

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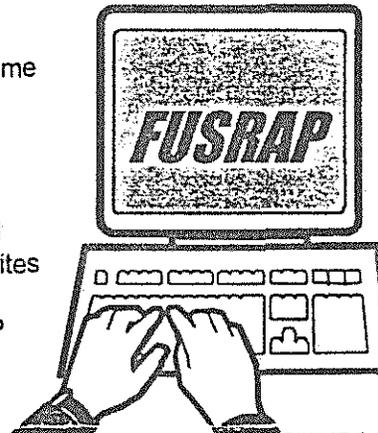
## Cyber-RAP

Want to learn more about FUSRAP and the Tonawanda Site? Check out the FUSRAP home page on the Internet's world wide web. The address (or URL) for FUSRAP is:

<http://www.fusrap.doe.gov/>

The FUSRAP home page provides an overview of the program and plenty of site-specific information that can be accessed with a click of a mouse on our U.S. locator map. Users can provide feedback or otherwise correspond with project officials by way of an automated e-mail feature. The FUSRAP home page also includes links to other environmentally oriented web sites that may be of interest.

For information on how to use your home computer to access the Internet and the FUSRAP home page, call the DOE Information Center at (716) 871-9660. Also now on line is the Tonawanda Site Update, the same newsletter you are reading now.



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