LEGAL NOTICE
THE U.S. ARMY CORPS
OF ENGINEERS
ISSUES THE
PROPOSED PLAN
FOR SEAWAY
FOR FORMAL
PUBLIC COMMENT

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, issues the Proposed Plan for Seaway Site, Areas A, B, and C for public comment.

The site became contaminated as a result of disposal and relocation of residues from uranium processing at the Linde Site during the 1940's in support of the nation's early atomic energy program. The sites are being addressed under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). Cleanup of these sites is managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Proposed Plan summarizes the finding of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study and its addendum and identifies the preferred alternative for the Seaway Site. The preferred alternative includes partial excavation, and offsite disposal of radioactively contaminated material that exceed the site specific guideline. Area A would be excavated and soils exceeding the site-specific guideline will be transported to a licensed, offsite disposal facility. During the removal process, Areas B and C will be investigated and any soils found in these areas that exceed the site-specific guideline, and can be removed without compromising the integrity of the closed landfill, will also be removed for offsite disposal. Soils exceeding the guideline that may exist within the landfill, under the landfill cap or slope supporting the cap, will be left in place. This alternative has a high degree of long term effectiveness and permanence.

In December 1989, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a Notice of Intent to complete a Remedial Investigation Feasibility Study - Environmental Impact Statement (RI/FS/EIS) for the Tonawanda Sites. The Corps of Engineers is conducting this project in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

The Administrative Record File was previously established to support the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study for the Tonawanda Sites which included the Seaway Site. Additional documents have been added in a separate Seaway section. The Administrative Record is a collection of documentation that is compiled progressively throughout the decision-making process. The file contains documentation that will be relied upon in issuing a Record of Decision for the FUSRAP Seaway Site.

This notice establishes a 30-day public comment period for the Proposed Plan for the Seaway Site Areas A, B, and C, beginning September 1 through September 30, 1998. Written comments will be accepted any time during the comment period and both oral and written comments will be accepted at the public meeting to be held on September 29, 1998 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Phillip Sheridan Building Community Room, 3200 Elmwood Avenue, Kenmore.

The Proposed Plan is available on our website at http://www.ncb.usace.army.mil. Copies of the Proposed Plan are available in the Administrative Record file at the:

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Written comments also will be accepted if postmarked by September 30, 1998 at the USACE FUSRAP Public Information Center address. Publish: