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Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers
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Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Proposed Plan for the Tonawanda Landfill Vicinity Property Site located in the Town of Tonawanda. The objective of the Town Board and other town officials is to close the landfill based on a plan that is protective of public health and the environment and takes into consideration appropriate and acceptable post-closure activities on the site.

The key questions that town officials have raised throughout the last twenty years on FUSRAP-related programs and activities have always been based on concerns for the public health and the environment and also apply to the Proposed Plan for the landfill. Because these issues have also been important to our neighboring municipalities and elected officials at the county, state and federal levels, the Coalition Against Nuclear Materials in Tonawanda (CANIT) was formed about twenty years ago to provide direct input into the decision-making process. We certainly appreciate what the Corps of Engineers has accomplished at the Linde, Ashland I and II sites and Rattlesnake Creek over the last ten years since taking jurisdiction over the FUSRAP clean-up activities.

We would like to take this opportunity to support residents and officials in the City of Tonawanda who are requesting additional efforts with risk-assessment evaluations before a Record of Decision is issued by the Corps of Engineers. While the Remedial Investigation and Proposed Plan did examine health-related issues under certain scenarios, we feel that more attention should be given to a scenario that we know exists: There are residents whose properties are adjacent to the landfill, and before any permanent closure plan is approved by the DEC,

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these individuals should have the greatest comfort and confidence with the final solution. We would like to see the resources of the county and state health departments utilized along with appropriate federal resources to accomplish this objective.

We expect that you will also be receiving comments from CANIT on this concern. Again, thank you for your efforts to date and your commitment to protecting public health and the environment in our community.



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