

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers releases findings for landfill, mudflats area

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has said that preliminary findings from sampling conducted last summer at the Tonawanda Landfill and Mudflats area confirmed that the site does not exceed exposure guidelines.

Soil and groundwater samples were collected from the area from July-September 2001.

"The end result is that we can confidently say to the community this site is safe for its current uses," said [REDACTED] project manager.

She said the health assessment took into account recreational user scenarios.

"Even though the site is located on a sanitary landfill and private property owned by the Town of Tonawanda, we have seen evidence of dirt bikes and people walking dogs, so we know the community is using the site," said [REDACTED]

"And the preliminary results confirm the site falls within acceptable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency guidelines for this use."

She estimates that the complete sampling report and results will be available for public viewing in March.

"We will also hold a public information session to present the results and discuss the next step in the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act," she said.

A Radiological Human Health Assessment was completed in 1999 on the Tonawanda Landfill and

Area to evaluate the potential risks associated with the contamination for different users over a 1,000 year period under current and potential future land uses.