

TOWN OF TONAWANDA

**Landfill area declared safe from toxic waste**

The Town of Tonawanda landfill and Mudflats area, where radioactive materials were detected, is safe for use, according to the results of an investigation by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

In previous testing of the area, on East Park Drive, uranium, radium and thorium were found.

The corps conducted the more recent testing under the Formerly Used Sites Remedial Action Program, which commits the corps to remediating sites that were used by the government when the United States was developing nuclear weapons.

The landfill site was not believed to have been used for that purpose, but it is near the Linde Air Products site where much work was done.

Additional testing "concluded that risks to current and potential future users of the site are at or below U.S. Environmental Protection Agency risk limits," according to Stephen Buechi, project manager.

One area of the site could pose a threat to animals in its current state, but a cap proposed by the Town of Tonawanda for the landfill would eliminate that threat, the report states.