

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Assistant Secretary [REDACTED]  
Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works  
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Washington, DC 20310-0108

Dear Assistant Secretary [REDACTED]:

I write today to express concern over delays in finalizing a mitigation plan for a site included in the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) located in the Town of Tonawanda. The site, which is located underneath the Tonawanda Landfill, has been in the FUSRAP program since 1992 but the Army Corps has yet to release a feasibility plan to clean-up the site and mitigate the potential risk the site poses to human health. In June of 2012 the Baseline Risk Assessment for the site was updated following a study by the Army Corps to include a need for mitigation because erosion at the site could expose residents to contaminated material. In order for any mitigation plan to move forward the Army Corps must release their feasibility plan, and so I am urging you to work with the Buffalo District to move this plan forward as quickly as possible.

By the Army Corps' own timeline the plan was supposed to be released by the end of 2014, and yet no feasibility plan has been put forward. Given the lengthy timeline involved with securing funding for mitigation it is critical that the Army Corps release the feasibility plan as soon as possible. While I understand the complex nature of these sites and the need to do thorough investigation, residents of Tonawanda have been waiting far too long for action at this site. In addition, given the site's proximity to residential neighborhoods, expediting the planning process and moving forward with implementation of a mitigation plan should be a top priority for the Army Corps.

I appreciate your attention to this issue, and your help in advancing the clean-up of this site. Should you have any questions or need further information please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senator

