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INFORMATION SESSION TO BE HELD FOR THE ASHLAND 1 FUSRAP SITE, INCLUDING RATTLESNAKE CREEK

TONAWANDA - The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) - Buffalo District will be holding an Information Session for the Ashland 1 Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Site, including Rattlesnake Creek, on Wednesday, January 24, 2001 from 7 to 8 p.m. The Information Session will be held in the Community Room of the Phillip Sheridan Building located at 3200 Elmwood Avenue in Kenmore, New York. Representatives of the Corps will be available to provide information and answer questions in regard to the remedial action at the Ashland 1 FUSRAP Site and the recent sampling of Rattlesnake Creek.

The Corps began excavating soil containing low-levels of residual radioactive material at the site on June 11, 1999. Approximately 125,058 cubic yards of material above the site-specific guideline of 40 picocuries per gram of Thorium-230 has been excavated to date. The excavated soil is placed in intermodal containers, sealed, and loaded onto railcars for shipment to International Uranium Corporation's White Mesa Mill, located near Blanding, Utah.

The Ashland 1 FUSRAP Site is being remediated in accordance with a Record of Decision signed in April 1998. Excavation and restoration of the site is ahead of schedule and is estimated to be complete this Fall. Surveillance activities and environmental monitoring will continually be in effect throughout the remediation. Protection of the public and site workers is the main focus of this operation.

The Corps will also provide an update on the sampling of Rattlesnake Creek. During comprehensive testing of the Ashland 2 site after the excavation and disposal of 45,500 cubic yards of soil containing low-levels of residual radioactivity, low levels of uranium were discovered in Rattlesnake Creek. Further testing was performed, and preliminary results of that testing will be made available at the session.



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