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**FORMERLY UTILIZED SITES REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAM**

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## FUSRAP ASHLAND 2 SITE RESTORATION BEGINS

TONAWANDA - The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District began restoration today of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Ashland 2 Site in Tonawanda.

Comprehensive testing of the site after the excavation and disposal of 45,500 cubic yards of low-level radiologically contaminated soil has shown that the cleanup standards outlined in the Record of Decision have been met. Next Monday, July 26, trucks will begin bringing in 25,000 cubic yards of fill that will be graded with a bulldozer to provide proper drainage at the site. The area will then be seeded using a hydroseeder to restore vegetation. It is estimated that the restoration will be complete August 20, 1999.

The \$30 million project, which began in July of 1998, included the excavation and shipment of soils containing low-levels of uranium, thorium, and radium that was above the site-specific cleanup guideline to a licensed facility for recycling and disposal. The Corps of Engineers received a recycling rebate of \$10,119 based on the uranium content of the material that was processed through the International Uranium (USA) Corporation (IUC) Mill near Blanding, Utah.

Work continues on the excavation of material at the Ashland 1 Site, with 8,500 cubic yards of impacted soils excavated to date. Approximately 7,000 cubic yards of material has been transported to IUC for recycling of the uranium from the Ashland 1 Site to date. Remediation of the Ashland 1 Site is expected to be complete in 2001 pending Congressional funding.

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