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Corps Environmental Cleanup Report Complete and Available

BUFFALO, NY-3/11/07)-The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, announces the completion and availability of the Closure Report detailing the successful cleanup of the Ashland sites, which includes Ashland 1 (including Seaway Area D), Ashland 2, and Rattlesnake Creek that are located within the industrial corridor along River Road in the Town of Tonawanda, NY.

The Corps conducted the cleanup under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). FUSRAP is a Federal program that investigates and, if necessary, cleans up sites where residual radioactive contamination remains from former Manhattan Engineer District (MED) activities during World War II, or later peacetime activities by the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC).

"It is a privilege for the Corps to have led the team that brought this outstanding project to completion," said Lt. Col. John S. Hurley, Commander of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District. "The Corps and its contractors logged over 312,000 hours of on-site work without a lost-time accident to successfully restore nearly 25 acres of land."

The Completion Report closes out a 1998 Record of Decision for the Ashland 1 Site (including Seaway Area D) and the Ashland 2 Site. Rattlesnake Creek was added to the Record of Decision in 2004. The Ashland Sites Project was one of the largest environmental cleanup projects in Western New York. Over 258,000 tons of contaminated material were safely excavated from the Ashland Site and were disposed of out-of-state.

The Closeout Report and the Declaration of Site Response Action Completion is available with the Tonawanda Sites Administrative Record at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York, and the Tonawanda Library, 333 Main Street, Tonawanda, New York. Copies are available on the web at: <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap/> or by written request. For further information, please call:(800) 833-6390 or e-mail: fusrap@usace.army.mil.

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