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Buffalo District

# News Release

**FORMERLY UTILIZED SITES REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAM**

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## Army Corps of Engineers begins FUSRAP evaluation of the Dayton Warehouse

BUFFALO, N.Y. - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District announces the beginning of onsite environmental investigation work at the Dayton Warehouse on 601 East Third Street. The Corps will scan and sample the warehouse to determine if radiological contamination is present. Workers will also collect soil samples from the site. The Corps will begin work next week.

Based on local concerns and a request from the state of Ohio, the Dayton Warehouse site is being reviewed for possible inclusion in the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). FUSRAP is a Federal program that Congress established to investigate, and, if necessary, restore sites contaminated with radioactive materials resulting from the early years of the Nation's atomic energy program (1940s-50s). In 1997, Congress transferred management of FUSRAP from the Department of Energy to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Historical records indicate that the Dayton Warehouse was used in the 1940s for research and development activities that supported the Nation's early atomic energy program. The Dayton Warehouse is currently vacant. "Based on the review of existing information," explained project manager Dave Romano, "we have determined that there is no immediate health risk posed by any possible Atomic Energy Commission - or Military Engineering District -related contaminants at the site."

The Corps is mandated by Congress to follow the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) process for determination of site cleanup. This process outlines the steps that must be taken to reach a final decision as to whether or not a site requires remediation. It also requires open involvement between the Corps, local and state agencies and the community.

In 2002, the Buffalo District initiated a combined Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection (PA/SI), the first step in the CERCLA process, for the Dayton Warehouse site to review records, gather data, and perform investigations in order to determine whether or not there is any contamination present at the site that would warrant inclusion of this site into FUSRAP. The Corps plans to finalize its PA/SI report by late 2004.

"The Corps' goal," said Romano, "is to ensure the protection of human health and the environment. Our purpose now is to thoroughly evaluate the site to determine if any further action is warranted under CERCLA."

The Corps welcomes interested citizens, who would like to be kept apprised of the project and to be added to the Dayton Warehouse FUSRAP site mailing, to call the Corps' toll free number at 1-800-833-6390. Letters may be addressed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, Attention: FUSRAP Information Center, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14207. E-mails may be addressed to [fusrap@usace.army.mil](mailto:fusrap@usace.army.mil). Additional information regarding FUSRAP and the

Dayton location can be found on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Buffalo District Web site at:  
[www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap](http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap).

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