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RECORD OF DECISION REACHED FOR INVESTIGATIVE AREA-06 OF FORMER HARSHAW CHEMICAL COMPANY FUSRAP SITE

BUFFALO, NY -- (April 20, 2011) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District announces that after consideration of comments received from the community regarding the Proposed Plan, no remedial action will be implemented for Investigative Area-06 (IA-06) of the former Harshaw Chemical Company Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Site. This decision is documented in a Record of Decision. Responses to comments received from the community are included as Part III of the Record of Decision.

Cancer and non-cancer risks in IA-06 from FUSRAP-related constituents are below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's risk limit for the current and reasonably anticipated future land use, which the Corps determined is recreational. Therefore, no remedial action under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) in regard to FUSRAP-related material is warranted.

The former Harshaw Chemical Company Site is located at 1000 Harvard Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio. From 1944 to 1959, the former Harshaw Chemical Company was contracted by the Manhattan Engineer District and the Atomic Energy Commission to produce uranium that was then sent to Oak Ridge, Tenn., for isotopic separation and enrichment. IA-06 includes the soil in a six-acre undeveloped parcel located north of Harvard Avenue and east of the Cuyahoga River that was once owned by the former Harshaw Chemical Company. No known process-related activities were conducted in IA-06. There are no buildings in IA-06 and a historical aerial photo analysis shows no evidence of past development. Historical information indicates IA-06 was used for general construction debris fill activities.

FUSRAP was initiated in 1974 to identify, investigate, and clean up or control sites throughout the United States that were part of the Nation's early atomic energy program. The Corps, as lead Federal agency for FUSRAP, follows the phased process required in CERCLA and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan. The Corps is proceeding with the Feasibility Study phase of the CERCLA process for the remaining portion of the former Harshaw Chemical Company FUSRAP Site.

The Record of Decision is now available to the public in the former Harshaw Chemical Company FUSRAP Site Administrative Record in the Cuyahoga County Public Library, Brooklyn Branch, which is located at 4480 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio. It is also available online at www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap/harshaw.

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