

Hello from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District

The Buffalo District is pleased to announce the release of the feasibility study addendum and proposed plan for the former Harshaw Chemical Company Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Site. Both documents are a product of the Corps of Engineers environmental response conducted under the authority of FUSRAP, for which the Corps is the lead federal agency, and are available at <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/missions/htrw/fusrap/harshaw-site/> on the project website.

The proposed plan documents the Corps of Engineers' preferred alternatives to address FUSRAP-related soil contamination at the Harshaw Site, which are Alternative 3—Complete Excavation and Off-Site Disposal (OU-1) using industrial preliminary remediation goals based on an industrial reasonable future land use and Alternative 7—Complete Excavation and Off-Site Disposal (OU-2) using residential preliminary remediation goals based on a residential reasonable future land use. These alternatives involve complete excavation of FUSRAP-impacted soils exceeding their respective applicable or relevant and appropriate requirement-based preliminary remediation goals, transportation and off-site disposal of soils, confirmatory sampling and site restoration. Both alternatives will be protective of human health and the environment, comply with applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements, are cost effective, use permanent solutions and alternative treatment technologies or resource recovery technologies to the maximum extent practicable.

You are encouraged to review and provide your comments on the proposed plan. The comment period begins March 14, 2019 and ends May 14, 2019.

A public meeting will be conducted April 2, 2019, at the Holiday Inn Cleveland South (6001 Rockside Road, Independence, OH 44131) beginning with a poster session at 6:30 p.m. The presentation will start at 7 p.m. A court recorder will be available to record verbal comments after the presentation. Written comments may be provided that evening; or by emailing fusrap@usace.army.mil by May 14; or mailed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District, Attention: Environmental Project Management Team, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14207, postmarked by May 14.

The feasibility study addendum, the proposed plan, and the documents supporting the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act decision-making process for the site are located in the Administrative Record, which is available for review in the Cuyahoga County Library, Brooklyn Branch, 4480 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio, and the Cleveland Public Library, 325 Superior Avenue, N.E., Cleveland, Ohio. Major reports are also available on the Buffalo District website at <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/missions/htrw/fusrap/harshaw-site/>.

Your comments matter to us. The preferred alternative may be modified based on any new information acquired during the designated public comment period. Responses to comments received will be provided in the record of decision, which will identify the selected remedy to be implemented.

Sincerely,

The Harshaw Site Team