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FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PROPOSED PLAN RELEASED FOR THE FORMER HARSHAW CHEMICAL COMPANY SITE, PUBLIC MEETING APRIL 2, 2019

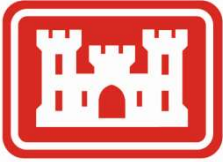
BUFFALO -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District has released the *Feasibility Study Addendum for the Former Harshaw Chemical Company Site* and the *Proposed Plan for Operable Units 1 and 2, Former Harshaw Chemical Company Site*. The 55-acre former Harshaw Chemical Company Site is located at 1000 Harvard Avenue in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. The documents are available at: <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/FUSRAP/Harshaw-Site/> in the Reports Section.

Both documents are a product of the Corps of Engineers' environmental response project conducted under the authority of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) for which the Corps of Engineers is the lead federal agency. The Corps of Engineers conducts FUSRAP projects in accordance with the governing federal law – the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et. seq., as amended, and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, 40 CFR 300.

The feasibility study addendum presents additions and changes to the 2012 feasibility study due to changes at the site, including the 2014 removal of Building G-1 where uranium processing had taken place, and new data collected subsequent to the feasibility study. The contaminated soil volumes and site groundwater model were updated to reflect changes in the site conditions and integrate the new investigation data. The feasibility study addendum concludes that uranium in groundwater will not pose a risk exceeding NCP limits to current and future land users or the Cuyahoga River environment.

The proposed plan identifies the preferred alternatives to address FUSRAP-related soil contamination at the Harshaw Site, which are Alternative 3—Complete Excavation and Off-Site Disposal (Operable Unit 1) using industrial preliminary remediation goals based on an industrial reasonable future land use and Alternative 7—Complete Excavation and Off-Site Disposal (Operable Unit 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,
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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, and use permanent solutions and alternative treatment technologies or resource recovery technologies to the maximum extent practicable.

The Corps of Engineers will be accepting comments regarding the proposed plan during the comment period, which 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 at the meeting to record public comments after the presentation. Written comments can be mailed to the address above, Attention: Environmental Project Management Team, postmarked no later than March 14th, 2019, or emailed to fusrap@usace.army.mil by the end of the day March 14th, 2019. After the consideration of public comments, the next step for the project is to develop a record of decision which will select the remedy to be implemented for the two operable units. The record of decision will include a written response to comments received about the proposed plan.

Documents supporting the CERCLA process for the site are located in the Administrative Record for the former Harshaw Chemical Company Site, which is available for review in the Cuyahoga County Library, Brooklyn Branch, 4480 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio 44144, and at the Cleveland Public Library, 325 Superior Avenue, N.E., Cleveland, Ohio 44114. Additional information regarding the site is available at: <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/FUSRAP/Harshaw-Site/>. If members of the public have questions about the site or the comment period process, they can email fusrap@usace.army.mil or call our toll-free telephone number, 1-800-833-6390 (option 4).

The former Harshaw Chemical Company was contracted by the Manhattan Engineer District and later the Atomic Energy Commission to support the Nation's early atomic weapons program. From 1944 to 1959, various forms of uranium were processed at the Harshaw Site and sent to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, for further processing. The site was included in FUSRAP in spring 2001 for further characterization of FUSRAP-related contaminants.

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