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**Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP)
Former Linde Site
Frequently Asked Questions**

1. Where is the former Linde Site?

The former Linde Site is located at 175 East Park Drive in the Town of Tonawanda, NY. The site is currently owned by Praxair, Inc., a company that specializes in industrial gasses. Residential areas, a public park and golf course, an elementary school, railroad tracks and other industrial and commercial operations surround the property.

2. How did the site become contaminated?

In the 1940s, the former Linde Air Products Division of Union Carbide processed uranium ores under contract to the Manhattan Engineer District (MED). MED-related activities resulted in elevated levels of radionuclides in portions of the Linde property.

3. What contaminants are at the site?

Principal radionuclides of concern at the site are radium, thorium and uranium.

4. Has the site undergone cleanups in the past?

Yes. In 1953, the former Linde facilities were cleaned to within radioactive guidelines in effect at that time. Since the site's designation into FUSRAP in 1980, several removal actions have been performed. The most recent include:

- 1996 – Demolition and disposal of Building 38;
- 1996 – Interior decontamination of Building 31;
- 1998 – Interior decontamination of Building 14;
- 1998 – Demolition and disposal of Building 30.

5. What is FUSRAP?

FUSRAP stands for the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program. FUSRAP, which was initiated in 1974 by Congress to identify, investigate and cleanup or control, sites throughout the United States that became contaminated as a result of the Nation's early atomic energy program (the period primarily spanning the 1940s and 1950s). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the lead Federal agency for FUSRAP.

To learn more about FUSRAP, please look up the Frequently Asked Questions for FUSRAP on the program's website at <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap/docs/fusrap-faqs.pdf>.

6. What is the status of the Former Linde Site?

Several phases are in progress.

- A. Remedial Action for contaminated soils at the site is being implemented in accordance with a Record of Decision signed in March 2000.

- B. Remedial Action for Building 14 is being implemented in accordance with a Record of Decision signed in may 2003.
- C. Remedial Investigations are being conducted for groundwater.
- D. Remedial Investigations are being conducted for the Tonawanda Landfill & Mudflats Vicinity Property.

7. Is there contaminated soil off site?

Yes. A few properties adjacent to the CSX Railroad track have been identified as having elevated materials. These adjacent properties will be cleaned up as part of the soils remedial action.

8. Is the site safe?

Yes. The residual contamination does not pose an immediate health threat to workers or the public.

9. How can I receive information on the Workers Compensation Program being administered by the Department of Labor?

Information related to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act is available from the Department of Labor, the agency in charge of that Program. For more information, call toll-free at 1-866-888-3322 or visit their website at www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/owcp/eeoicp/main.htm

10. How can I receive information about health effects in general?

For information regarding health, please contact:

The New York State Department of Health

Dr. Adela Salame-Alfie: 1-800-458-1158 Ext. 27556

12. How can I find out more information about the Former Linde Site?

The Corps of Engineers welcomes questions from citizens regarding the Former Linde Site or any other FUSRAP site. Questions may be addressed to: FUSRAP Public Information, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207, or call toll-free 1-800-833-6390. FUSRAP also has an e-mail address at fusrap@usace.army.mil.

The Administrative Record File is another valuable resource for information on the former Linde Site. The file contains a collection of documents that form the basis for the decisions made during the environmental restoration of the site. The Administrative Record File is located at the following locations:

FUSRAP Public Information Center
1776 Niagara Street
Buffalo, NY 14207

Tonawanda Public Library
333 Main Street
Tonawanda, NY 14150