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

Progress continues to be made at the Luckey Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program Site. The project team for the site cleanup has safely completed working over 340,000 hours without any lost time injuries or recordable accidents. We have excavated 64,083 cubic yards of soil with FUSRAP-related contamination from the site and are over 96% complete with Phase 1 of the project. Overall, the entire cleanup is 35% complete.

Next week we are planning to begin shipping water from the site excavations off-site for disposal. This will help alleviate the accumulation of water that was collected from the excavation and waste handling area of the site. The collected water will be loaded into tanker trucks, transported, and discharged into the approved off-site sanitary sewer discharge point. The sanitary sewer lines are maintained by the Northwestern Water and Sewer District and ultimately lead to the City of Toledo’s publicly owned treatment works. Only water that meets the guidelines of the City of Toledo’s publically owned treatment works will be transported off-site for disposal. The Corps is coordinating with the sewer district and the City of Toledo to secure the necessary approvals. This is a temporary measure that is being put in place until we reduce the amount of water stored on-site to levels that can be managed by our on-site water treatment system. This will allow us to responsibly dispose of excess water collected on the site, and prevent cleanup work from stopping because our water treatment and storage capacity has been reached.

Our highest priority during cleanup activities at the Luckey Site is to be protective of human health and the environment, ensure that work is conducted in a safe and efficient manner, and prevent the spread of contamination. We are continuing to execute activities at the Luckey Site while dealing with the impacts of the coronavirus. The Corps is actively monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation and is in regular communication with our personnel and contractors to emphasize the importance of taking appropriate actions -- such as social distancing, wearing appropriate protective equipment, temperature screening of individuals before entry into the site, and personal hygiene measures -- to safeguard employee health and welfare while working during the pandemic.

We will continue to provide updates to you via email and also in the form of an infographic that tracks our progress, which is posted weekly at https://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/FUSRAP/Luckey-Site/ on our website.