

Luckey Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program Site News from the Corps

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

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is preparing for the start of the Luckey Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program Site cleanup. Current site activities include setting up office trailers, an on-site laboratory, a water treatment facility, a soil sorter and an enclosure structure on the northwestern portion of the site. The current schedule is to complete these activities this winter.

The USACE contractor monitored air concentrations for radioactive constituents, beryllium, and lead around the perimeter of the site for 90-days before the start of setup activities. This monitoring helped determine the levels of these materials that occur naturally in the air around the site. Perimeter air monitoring will continue throughout the duration of on-site activities for the protection of the community during the cleanup.

Site clearing activities and some very limited excavation will occur during the site setup, but the main excavation won't start until after site setup is complete. Work plans for the cleanup are now available on the web at:

<http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/FUSRAP/Luckey-Site/> in the Reports Section.

The US Ecology Wayne Disposal Facility in Belleville, Michigan, recently received approval from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to accept waste from the Luckey Site. USACE will use the Wayne Disposal Facility for disposal of excavated soils from the Luckey Site that the facility is permitted to accept. USACE is also evaluating the potential use of the Waste Management Evergreen Recycling and Disposal Facility in Northwood, Ohio, for disposal of a portion of the excavated soils from the site, but has not made a final decision regarding use of that facility. The USACE Radiation Safety Support Team visited the Evergreen facility and talked with local elected officials and agency representatives. USACE will not dispose of any waste at a facility that is not properly permitted to safely accept that waste. USACE will inform the community when a decision is made regarding the use of the Evergreen Recycling and Disposal Facility for disposal of material from the Luckey Site.

USACE will continue to update you about the progress being made at the site with News from the Corps emails. If you know someone that would like to be added to the email distribution list, please ask them to email fusrap@usace.army.mil. A meeting will be scheduled with the community before the cleanup begins.