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CORPS OF ENGINEERS AWARDS CONTRACT FOR FACILITATOR AT NIAGARA FALLS STORAGE SITE

Provides additional technical participation forum

BUFFALO, NY – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District is pleased to announce that it has awarded a \$275,000 contract to Mr. Douglas Sarno to serve as a technical facilitator on the Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS) project, which is being carried out under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program or FUSRAP.

In March 2010, the Corps actively canvassed elected officials and the community in the area of the NFSS to determine whether there was support for hiring a technical facilitator and if so, what qualifications and services they would like the facilitator to provide to the community through a contract with the Corps. The selection process, from concept to contract award, was a thorough nationwide search for the best qualified facilitator to enhance communication between the community and the Corps on highly technical issues. Under the terms of the Corps' contract, Mr. Sarno will provide technical facilitation services in support of the NFSS Interim Waste Containment Structure (IWCS) Feasibility Study (FS). He will serve as a liaison between the Corps and community members on technical issues associated with the preparation and development of the IWCS FS.

Lt. Col. Stephen H. Bales, commander of the Buffalo District said, "We want to promote openness and transparency and ensure that we provide the community with many opportunities for public participation. We have awarded a contract to bring Mr. Sarno, an outside facilitator, on board as one more step toward achieving this end."

The FUSRAP program was initiated in 1974 to identify, investigate and clean up or control sites that were part of the Nation's early atomic energy and weapons program. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was assigned management of FUSRAP by Congress in 1997. The Buffalo District is charged with managing the FUSRAP sites within the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division.

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