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## **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Painesville Site Remediation to Resume and Poster Session to be Held**

**PAINESVILLE, OH**—The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Buffalo District, has received \$15.2 Million in funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, allowing the Corps to resume remediation of the Painesville Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Site. In 2008, the Corps was forced to temporarily suspend clean-up efforts due to the discovery of significant additional quantities of radiologically contaminated soil on the site needing remediation. The increase in quantity caused a delay based on funding constraints.

“The Corps is pleased to have the opportunity to resume remediation at the Painesville Site,” stated Lieutenant Colonel Daniel B. Snead, Buffalo District Commander. To date, The Corps has safely excavated and disposed of approximately 9,400 cubic yards of radiologically contaminated soil from the Painesville Site. Of the twelve identified excavation areas, nine have been successfully completed and backfilled. “There are approximately 25,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil remaining on the site requiring remediation,” said Stephen Buechi, Painesville Site Project Manager. Site remediation is scheduled to resume in May 2010, and to be completed in 2012.

When remediation resumes, the Painesville FUSRAP Site will be implementing innovative soil segregation technology for radiological remediation activities. A soil segregating system will be utilized to apply advanced scanning technology to the contaminated soil at the site. The system uses a conveyor-based soil handling system that surveys and monitors excavated soils at high rates as it moves through the scanner. As the soil moves through the system, the radiation detection system will scan the soil as it passes under the detector and segregate it into above and below cleanup criteria stockpiles. Utilizing this system will improve the accuracy of contamination detection and will minimize waste-disposal costs, resulting in cost-savings to this Federally-funded project, and hence, the taxpayer.

A poster session will take place on **Tuesday, April 20, 2010, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at VFW Post 7754, located at 540 New Street, Fairport Harbor, Ohio 44077**. The Corps’ Project Team will be available to answer questions and provide information regarding the remediation at the site. They will have displays, maps and informational materials concerning FUSRAP work at the site.

More information about this clean-up project may be found at [www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap/](http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap/) or by contacting the Army Corps of Engineers at 1-800-833-6390 (option 4).

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