

Seaway 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:

You are receiving this email because you indicated an interest in receiving updates in regard to the Seaway Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Site. The Corps is performing a five-year review for the selected remedy for the Seaway FUSRAP Site. The Corps, as the lead federal agency for FUSRAP, is responsible under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) to review the protectiveness of the selected remedy every five years following the start of remedial action. This review provides an opportunity to evaluate the implementation and expected performance of the selected remedy to determine whether it remains protective of human health and the environment.

The Seaway Site is located within the 100-acre Seaway Industrial Park located along River Road in the Town of Tonawanda, New York. The selected remedy is outlined in the 2009 record of decision for the site. The remedy requires the capping of Seaway Areas A, B, and C within the landfill boundaries. The cap for the FUSRAP-related material (soil contaminated with radium, thorium, uranium, and uranium daughter products) will be constructed of multiple layers of various types of soil, fabric, and geomembranes at least 4.5-feet thick. Long-term monitoring of FUSRAP-related materials in capped areas, surveillance, and maintenance will be performed by the federal government. The federal government will ensure that land-use controls are in place to prevent future access to and disturbance of the contained FUSRAP-related materials.

The selected remedy also includes excavation and off-site disposal of FUSRAP-related material in the Seaway Northside and Southside areas, which are located outside the landfill boundaries. Completion of the selected remedy for the Seaway Site will occur in the future pending the completion of ongoing remediation at other FUSRAP sites and the availability of program funding.

Details of the five-year review process are provided in a newsletter made available at: <https://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/FUSRAP/Seaway-Site/> in the "News" section on the Buffalo District website. The final report, which is scheduled to be complete in the winter of 2021, will be available at the above link. The Seaway Site administrative record file is also available on the website listed above.

If you know someone that is interested in being added to our postal or electronic mailing list for the Seaway Site, or if you would like further information on the five-year review process, please email fusrap@usace.army.mil.