

Sampling begins at Seaway site

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began sampling at the Seaway Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program on Monday, Aug. 13.

The Seaway Site is located along River Road, which is currently owned by the Sands Mobile Park Corporation, and the sampling is being conducted to gain additional information about the nature and extent of contamination in the landfill that resulted from the nation's early atomic energy program. The results will be summarized in a report that will be made available to the

public in February 2002.

Between 1974 and 1982, the site was contaminated during the transfer of soil containing low-level radioactive residues from the Ashland 1 Site. At the time, the Seaway Site was an operating sanitary landfill, which ceased operations in 1993. The site comprises about 100 acres of which the landfill occupies about 89 acres and is called the Seaway Industrial Park. About 68 acres of the landfill have been capped in accordance with the requirements of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.