

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is excited to announce the finalized work plans for the Tonawanda Landfill Vicinity Property Landfill Operable Unit have been uploaded to our website and are available for viewing.

The Corps of Engineers signed a record of decision in 2017 to clean up radionuclide (radium-226, thorium-230, uranium-234, uranium-235, and uranium-238) contamination in soils in the Landfill Operable Unit (OU) of the Tonawanda Landfill Vicinity Property, and dispose of them off-site at a licensed/permitted disposal facility.

At the end of 2018, the USACE, Buffalo District, awarded two contracts to complete the cleanup of FUSRAP-contaminated soils at the Landfill OU. The remedial action contract was awarded to Plexus Scientific Corporation of Alexandria, Virginia, to remove FUSRAP materials from the Landfill OU to a depth of five feet below ground surface, as specified in the 2017 record of decision. The second contract was awarded to Environmental Rail Solutions of Monmouth Beach, New Jersey, to transport and dispose of the excavated FUSRAP materials to a permitted disposal facility outside of New York State.

To ensure a safe and successful project, the Corps of Engineers worked with the contractor to finalize work plans for the project. During the development of the work plans the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, City of Tonawanda, and the Town of Tonawanda reviewed the plans and provided comments. The contractor will follow these work plans during mobilization, cleanup activities, and restoration of the Landfill OU. The work plans will insure that the cleanup is performed in a manner that is protective of the health and safety of site workers, the local community, and the environment.

Field work is expected to begin at the end of May 2019 and will take place during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Residents in the vicinity of the landfill will hear normal construction-type sounds during the cleanup. Protective measures will include air monitoring around the work zone, and dust suppression.

The excavated FUSRAP-contaminated material will be placed in intermodal containers which will be sealed, and prepared for pickup by the transportation and disposal contractor for transport to the rail yard in Blasdell, New York. From there the intermodal containers will be loaded onto a train and transported to a properly permitted/licensed disposal facility in Michigan.

Administrative Record

The administrative record file for the Tonawanda Landfill Vicinity Property contains CERCLA-related documentation used in the decision-making process for the site. Reports and documents in the administrative record file may be viewed on the Tonawanda Landfill website at:

<http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/FUSRAP/Tonawanda-Landfill/>

Also available at:

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The Corps of Engineers is committed to keeping you informed during the cleanup of Tonawanda Landfill Vicinity Property. For more information about the site, please email fusrap@usace.army.mil, visit: <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/FUSRAP/Tonawanda-Landfill/> or call 800-833-6390 (Option 4).

We will periodically send you News from the Corps emails as new information is available regarding the cleanup. If you know someone that is interested in our progress, please ask them to send an email to fusrap@usace.army.mil and ask to be added to our electronic and/or postal distribution lists.