

Tonawanda Landfill Vicinity Property News from the Corps

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Hello from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District:

Last week the Buffalo District completed the final grading and seeding of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) work areas at the Tonawanda Landfill Vicinity Property. During the two-week project the Corps' highest priority was to be protective of human health and the environment, and ensure that work was conducted in a safe and efficient manner. While performing this work, the contractor took actions to protect the workforce and mitigate potential impacts of the coronavirus. Regular communication was maintained with site workers to emphasize the importance of taking appropriate precautions -- such as social distancing, wearing appropriate protective equipment, and personal hygiene measures -- to safeguard their health and welfare while working during the pandemic.

Implementation of the selected remedy for the vicinity property was performed from June through December 2019. During the targeted shallow removal, 4,345 cubic yards of radioactive-contaminated soils were removed to a depth of five feet using precision excavation techniques guided by rigorous field scanning and laboratory analysis. FUSRAP-related materials exceeding cleanup goals were transported off-site for disposal at a permitted out-of-state disposal facility in Belleville, Michigan.

This summer the Corps will conduct radon flux monitoring to verify that the record of decision cleanup goals were met. A closeout report will then be prepared for the vicinity property. Once the closeout report is complete, the Corps will begin the process of transferring administrative controls and file records management responsibilities for the Tonawanda Landfill Vicinity Property to the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management for long-term stewardship.

Additional information regarding the vicinity property is available at <https://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/FUSRAP/Tonawanda-Landfill/> on the web.