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

The district is pleased to announce that the work plan for the fiscal year 2018 Army Civil Works program includes $9,250,000 in additional funds to prepare a scope of work and award a contract for the cleanup of the Landfill Operable Unit of the Tonawanda Landfill Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Vicinity Property. The scope of work and contract will be to clean up the Landfill Operable Unit as specified in the 2017 record of decision selected remedy, targeted shallow removal and off-site disposal of FUSRAP-related material from the Landfill Operable Unit. The work will involve excavating FUSRAP-related materials exceeding cleanup goals in the top five feet of the surface, transporting the materials off-site, and disposing of the materials at a permitted disposal facility.

The Tonawanda Landfill Vicinity Property covers approximately 170 acres in the Town of Tonawanda, Erie County, New York, and consists of two parcels owned by the Town of Tonawanda: the Town of Tonawanda Landfill and the mudflats area, now known as the North Youngmann Commerce Center. Based on a 1991 radiological survey performed by the U.S. Department of Energy, a portion of the landfill and mudflats area were designated as a single FUSRAP vicinity property of the Linde Site, which is also located in the Town of Tonawanda. The Corps of Engineers completed the cleanup of the Linde FUSRAP Site in 2013. A record of decision for the Mudflats Operable Unit was signed in 2008, which indicated no action was necessary on the parcel.

This project is authorized under FUSRAP, which was initiated 1974 to identify, investigate, and, if necessary, clean up or control sites contaminated as a result of activities conducted in support of the Nation’s early atomic energy and weapons program. The Corps of Engineers is the lead federal agency for this project, executing FUSRAP in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended, and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan. Additional information is available on our public website at: https://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/FUSRAP/Tonawanda-Landfill/.

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.