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Corps of Engineers Further Extends Comment Period on Tonawanda Landfill Proposed Plan

BUFFALO, NY -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Buffalo District has again extended the public comment period on the Corps' Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Proposed Plan for the Tonawanda Landfill for an additional 30 days. This makes the total comment period 150 days - from March 26, 2007 to August 23, 2007.

The reason for the current extension is that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will shortly be releasing their report on the findings of the radiation surveys of the residential properties and elementary school adjacent to the Tonawanda Landfill. The public comment period for the Corps of Engineers' Proposed Plan was scheduled to end on 24 July 2007. Buffalo District Commander Lieutenant Colonel [REDACTED], who has always encouraged public input on the Corps' Proposed Plan, felt that additional time should be added to allow the public an opportunity to review the NYSDEC report before the Corps' public comment period closed.

The Tonawanda Landfill Proposed Plan details the Corps' recommendation for the radionuclide residues (radium, thorium and uranium) found at the site, and recommends a "No Action" alternative. This means that because the human health risks meet U.S. EPA guidelines, the soils in the Landfill that contain uranium, radium and thorium can remain safely in place in their current condition.

The Proposed Plan may be viewed at the Tonawanda Public Library, located at 333 Main Street Tonawanda, New York, or on the Buffalo District website: www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap. The

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public may also obtain copies of the report by calling the USACE Buffalo District toll free number at 1-800-833-6390.

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