

Monday, October 15, 2007
Commander
Buffalo District
Corps of Engineers
1776 Niagara St
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Dear Sir:

This regards the FUSRAP project at the Town of Tonawanda landfill that has been subject to a very extended review process.

Technically I have nothing to add to the record. But as a retired Corps of Engineer employee of nearly forty years I have been disappointed in the manner this problem has been managed. I don't think the district has been full and forthright in the management of information and educating the public and elected Public Officials concerning the location and threat of any of the elevated levels of nuclear substances in the landfill.

I understand the difficulty of establishing a nexus to the Manhattan Project material in the Linde site. But it was not salted from a space ship and is highly improbable it originated from any other source. Denying any connection just breeds suspicion.

The think the discussion of the ground water contamination is vague and just begs for improvement. Presuming future land use based on past practices and speculation is something in the prediction mode that all of Wall Street has learned to avoid.

Finally the pockets of elevated levels of any nuclear contamination are easily identifiable and accessible by sensors and carefully supervised earth-moving equipment. It would not take a project of any gigantic size to excavate the clearly identified areas and remove to secure appropriate burial. For many years a continuing discussion has occurred within the environmental groups regarding the sanctity of toxic dumps and marginal toxic sloughs. Four or five generations into the future could produce an incredible change in the terrestrial uses of Riverine environments such as the Tonawanda Land fill and cause all the material to be totally different exposure and use than we can imagine.

I would appreciate a response to this comment.