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Tonawanda Landfill - Sampling Update

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A quick update on the Corps of Engineers sampling activities at the Tonawanda Landfill FUSRAP Vicinity Property, and our schedule for work at the site, is given below. If you could please distribute this update to the rest of the members of CANiT, I would appreciate it.

The Corps of Engineers initiated the sampling activities at the Tonawanda Landfill in November 2009, with an anticipated fieldwork completion date of mid-January 2010. However, during the sampling fieldwork, Corps of Engineers personnel observed discrepancies related to how our contractor was recording field data and their methods for the collection of the soil samples. This led to a temporary halt in soil boring and sampling activities in early December 2009, so that the Corps of Engineers could work with our contractor to resolve these discrepancies. Gamma walkover surveys continued at the site while the soil boring activities were halted.

The Corps and our contractor have resolved the field inconsistencies, and sampling resumed on February 10, 2010. Our contractor is redoing all of the soil borings that were completed in the initial field effort in addition to the borings that had not been completed when soil boring activities were halted in December. We currently anticipate that the sampling fieldwork will be completed by mid-April, with the contractor providing the data report to the Corps in the summer of 2010. The sampling data will then be used to update the Baseline Risk Assessment for the site, which will determine the potential human health risk from the FUSRAP-related material at the site to a site user, and will form the basis for determining whether further action is required to address the FUSRAP-related material. The Baseline Risk Assessment is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2011.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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