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Evaluation of Tonawanda Landfill Continues

BUFFALO, NY— The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District will conduct additional evaluations of the Town of Tonawanda Landfill. The Corps is performing this evaluation in response to comments received on the Proposed Plan for the Tonawanda Landfill Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Vicinity Property located in the Town of Tonawanda.

The evaluation is two-fold. “We are going to ensure that the baseline risk assessment reflects the realistic potential for human exposure in the landfill, given the proximity of the residences,” said Lieutenant Colonel John S. Hurley, Buffalo District Commander. The Corps is also going to conduct additional sampling in the landfill. “Incorporating the additional data from the sampling into a revised Baseline Risk Assessment will determine whether a hazard exists that requires remedial action under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA),” continued Hurley.

The purpose of the sampling will be to confirm the levels of uranium, radium and thorium in the landfill. The Corps intends to conduct the sampling later this summer or in early fall, pending the availability of funding to do so.

The Mudflats Area of the Vicinity Property will be broken out into a separate operable unit. In the fall of 2008, the Corps plans to move forward with a Record of Decision for the Mudflats Operable Unit.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, continues its remediation of the former Linde Site in Tonawanda and will be releasing a proposed plan for the Seaway FUSRAP Site later this year. Remediation of the Ashland 1 Site including Seaway Area D and the Ashland 2 Site including a portion of Rattlesnake Creek was completed in 2005 under FUSRAP.

Additional information regarding the Buffalo District’s FUSRAP activities is available on the Buffalo District Website at: <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap/>

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