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Corps of Engineers Extends Comment Period on Tonawanda Landfill Proposed Plan

BUFFALO, NY -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Buffalo District has 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 120 days - from March 26, 2007 to July 24, 2007.

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.

Buffalo District Commander Lieutenant Colonel John S. Hurley said, "The Corps earnestly solicits and will carefully review and evaluate all comments received about the Proposed Plan before reaching a final decision. We understand that the best solution can only be achieved after listening to all ideas and concerns, and it is for this reason that I am extending the comment period."

The Record of Decision report, which follows the public comment period, will respond to all comments received and will document the final decision for the Corps' FUSRAP Proposed Plan for the Tonawanda Landfill.

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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 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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