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ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS SAMPLING TONAWANDA LANDFILL VICINITY PROPERTY

BUFFALO, N.Y. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District will begin clearing and sampling in the Landfill Operable Unit of the Tonawanda Landfill Vicinity Property next week. This work is being performed under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) using funds received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

“Protection of human health and the environment is our #1 priority,” said Lieutenant Colonel Daniel B. Snead, Buffalo District Commander. “This sampling is being performed in response to input from the community regarding the 2007 Tonawanda Landfill “No Action” Proposed Plan. The data will help us better define the extent and concentration of FUSRAP-related material in the Landfill area and recalculate potential risks to human health associated with exposures to the FUSRAP-related material.”

Clearing and sampling efforts are not expected to generate dust or impact the nearby community. Three different types of sampling activities will occur. The Corps will be performing a gamma walkover survey to locate FUSRAP-related contamination in surface soil, drilling to collect and analyze subsurface soil borings that will better define the boundaries of FUSRAP-related material, and installing fourteen temporary well points to measure groundwater depth and collect groundwater samples.

In addition to better defining the areas where FUSRAP-related materials are present, the sampling will allow the Corps to determine the likelihood of, and potential pathways for migration of those materials, now or in the past. The information gathered will be used to recalculate potential risks to human health associated with exposures to the FUSRAP-related material. The revised Baseline Risk Assessment for the Landfill Operable Unit will be released to the public when it is complete. The Corps will then make a determination as to whether any further action is necessary for the site to be protective of human health and the environment in relation to FUSRAP-related materials.

The Tonawanda Landfill Vicinity Property is located at the north end of East Park Drive in Tonawanda, New York. FUSRAP was initiated in 1974 to identify, investigate, and clean up or control sites throughout the United States that were part of the Nation’s early atomic weapons and energy programs.

For additional information about this sampling, or the history and status of this vicinity property, please refer to the fact sheets available on the web at: www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap/landfill/index.htm#Documents. Comments or questions regarding the Tonawanda Landfill Vicinity Property can be emailed to the Corps at: fusrap@usace.army.mil. The Corps Environmental Project Management Team can also be reached at 1-800-833-6390 (Option 4).

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