

Tonawanda Landfill News from the Corps

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Hello from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District:

We are pleased to announce the availability of the feasibility study report and the proposed plan for the Landfill Operable Unit of the Tonawanda Landfill Vicinity Property, located in the Town of Tonawanda, New York. Both documents were prepared as part of the Corps of Engineers' environmental response project conducted under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) and are available at:

<http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/FUSRAP/TonawandaLandfill.aspx>

on the Tonawanda Landfill Vicinity Property website in the Administrative Record File Section.

The Corps of Engineers is the lead federal agency for this project, executing FUSRAP in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended, and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP).

The feasibility study develops and evaluates remedial alternatives which would be appropriate to mitigate potential future unacceptable risks from exposure to the buried FUSRAP-related material in the Landfill Operable Unit. The proposed plan summarizes the evaluation of the remedial alternatives conducted in the feasibility study and presents the Corps of Engineers' preferred alternative, which is Alternative 3, Targeted Shallow Removal and Off-site Disposal of FUSRAP-related Material, to address contaminated soils in the Landfill Operable Unit. Alternative 3 will be protective of human health and the environment; complies with applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements; and is the preferred alternative among those considered, particularly with respect to short-term effectiveness, implementability, and cost. A fact sheet with further details about the feasibility study and proposed plan is available at the website listed above in the Fact Sheets Section.

The Corps of Engineers will be accepting comments regarding the proposed plan and preferred alternative during the comment period, which begins September 14, 2015, and ends November 14, 2015.

A public meeting regarding the proposed plan will be conducted on Thursday, October 15, 2015, in the Community Room of the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District Philip Sheridan Building at 3200 Elmwood Avenue, Kenmore, New York 14217. Members of the project delivery team will be available to answer questions regarding the feasibility study and proposed plan from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. A court recorder will be available to record the presentation and your verbal comments. Written comments may be provided that evening; emailed to fusrap@usace.army.mil; or may be mailed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, Attention: Special Projects Branch, Environmental Project Management Team, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207-3199. Mailed comments must be postmarked by November 14, 2015.

The administrative record file, which contains CERCLA-related documentation used in the decision-making process for the Tonawanda Landfill Vicinity Property, is also available for review by appointment at the Buffalo District Office Library located at 1776 Niagara Street in Buffalo, New York.