



FACT SHEET

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TONAWANDA LANDFILL VICINITY PROPERTY — TONAWANDA, NEW YORK Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP)

Location

- East Park Drive, in the Town of Tonawanda, NY

Site History and Project Description

- The Department of Energy (DOE) designated the Town of Tonawanda Landfill and Mudflats together as a vicinity property to the Linde Site in 1992.
- The landfill operable unit (OU), an inactive municipal landfill, covers about 55 acres.
- Previous investigations had revealed small areas of soil in the landfill OU with elevated levels of radium, thorium, and uranium.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District (LRB) is conducting a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) investigation of the site.

Importance

- The original baseline risk assessment concluded that risks to human health from FUSRAP material were within acceptable limits established under federal environmental regulations.
- Adjacent residents are greatly concerned about FUSRAP material in the landfill OU.
- The Corps agreed to conduct additional investigations to determine definitively the potential human health risk from FUSRAP material in the landfill OU.

Consequences

- Potential for long-term adverse human health effects
- Adverse political reactions by federal, state, and local representatives
- Adverse public reaction

Project Phase	Estimated Federal Cost	Funding through FY18	FY19 Requirement	FY19 Appropriation	FY20 Requirement	FY20 Budget
Remediation	\$20.8M	\$9.4M	\$2.05M	\$2.05M	\$1.25M	\$0

Project Sponsor/Customer

- The project sponsor is the U.S. Congress.
- Customers include property owners (Town of Tonawanda); affected communities and elected leaders; and local, state, and federal environmental and health agencies.

Congressional Interests

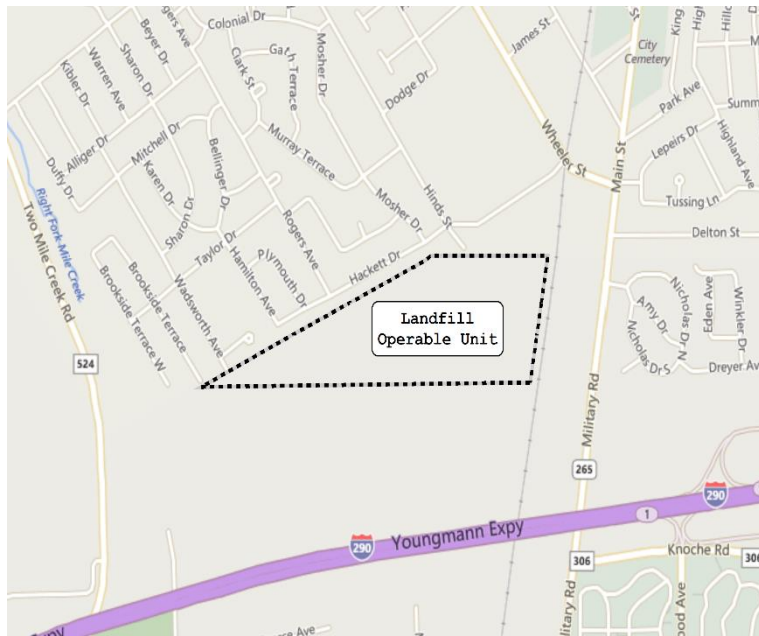
- Representative Brian Higgins D NY-26
- Senator Charles Schumer D NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D NY

Current Status

- LRB awarded a remediation contract at the end of FY18
- LRB is currently overseeing the remediation work being completed by Plexus Scientific with an anticipated completion in the 1st quarter of FY20.
- Following completion of the remediation work, LRB will write the closure report for the site and prepare it for transfer back to the DOE.

Issues

- None



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