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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 32 days. This makes the total comment period 203 days - from March 26, 2007 to October 15, 2007.

The Buffalo District Commander, Lieutenant Colonel John S. Hurley, and the Corps' FUSRAP Team believe that the additional time will allow for analysis of forthcoming data from sampling conducted at the Landfill by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Town of Tonawanda before the Corps' public comment period closes.

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 USEPA guidelines, the soils in the Landfill that contain uranium, radium and thorium can remain safely in place in their current condition.

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.