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Corps to hold Shallow Land Disposal Area public meeting in Parks Township, Pa.

- WHO:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District
- WHAT:** A meeting to inform the public of the Army Corps' progress regarding the Parks Township Shallow Land Disposal Area clean-up project and to address questions and concerns voiced by interested parties.
- WHEN:** 7 pm, Wednesday, April 8, 2015
- WHERE:** Parks Township Volunteer Fire Department Hall, 1119 Dalmatian Drive
Vandergrift, Armstrong County, Pa. 15690
- WHY:** The Army Corps will be updating the public on the status of the site, the Record of Decision and the results of the recent ground water sampling.
- FORMAT:** The Corps will give a presentation addressing updates to the proposed ROD amendment process, project status, groundwater sampling and other issues. This will be followed by a question and answer session.

BACKGROUND: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pittsburgh District has been assigned to cleanup radioactive waste at the Parks Township Shallow Land Disposal Area (SLDA) site under the [Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program](#) (FUSRAP). The SLDA, encompassing 44 acres of privately owned land, is located approximately 23 miles east-northeast of Pittsburgh in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. It is on the right bank of the Kiski River, a tributary of the Allegheny River, near the communities of Apollo and Vandergrift. Radioactive waste disposal operations were conducted between 1960 and 1970. As part of work done under Atomic Energy Commission contracts, low-level radioactive materials were produced, primarily for fuel for nuclear powered submarines and power plants. Low-level nuclear wastes from the nearby decommissioned Apollo operation site were disposed of in a series of ten trenches comprising a total area of approximately 1.2 acres at the SLDA, placed over an area of 44 acres. Buried radiological wastes consist of mostly uranium and some thorium associated with manufacturing by-products and from discarded protective clothing. Non-radiological waste included pieces of equipment, building materials and trash. Disposal operations were conducted by the firm NUMEC, Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corporation, in the early 1960's. In 1967, ARCO purchased stock in NUMEC. In 1971, ARCO sold the stock of NUMEC to Babcock & Wilcox which has changed to BWX Technologies. BWX Technologies is the current owner of the Parks Township Shallow Land Disposal Area.

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