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## Corps to meet with public to discuss suspension of excavation at the Shallow Land Disposal Area

**WHO:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District

**WHAT:** A meeting to inform the public that excavation work has been suspended at the Parks Township Shallow Land Disposal Area.

**WHEN:** 7 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011

**WHERE:** Parks Township Volunteer Fire Department Hall, 1119 Dalmation Drive Vandergrift, Armstrong County, Pa. 15690

**WHY:** The US Army Corps of Engineers is informing the public that excavation activities were suspended Sept 30 at the Shallow Land Disposal Area in Parks Township, Pa. The suspension is due to the contractor's deviation from the Corps' material-handling procedures. Congress directed the Corps' Pittsburgh District to cleanup radioactive waste at the site under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP).

Field personnel suspended excavation activities when they learned that there was a deviation from the site work plans. The Corps considers this deviation from its work plans as a serious matter. These plans are in place to safeguard the workers and the community as the contractor removes radiological and chemical materials from the site.

"Our goal is to safely remove this material from the community. I want to emphasize that public health was not impacted and no workers were injured due to this deviation," said Col Butch Graham, commander, Pittsburgh District. "The contractor reacted appropriately by suspending excavation and will not resume until the Corps' thorough safety review is completed and necessary corrective actions are in place. We know information about this project is important to the community and we're committed to providing updates about site activities and progress."

Workers continue to process material previously removed from trenches and to ship material from the site.

For information on the SLDA cleanup project, visit: <http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/fusrap/slida.htm>

**BACKGROUND:** Encompassing 44 acres, the SLDA is located approximately 23 miles east-northeast of Pittsburgh in Armstrong County, Pa., near the communities of Apollo and Vandergrift. Between 1960 and 1970, low-level radioactive waste from the nearby decommissioned Apollo site was buried in ten trenches at the SLDA. In August 2011, the Corps began removing waste material from the site and shipping it to a disposal facility in Clive, Utah. The project may take up to eight years to complete at an estimated cost of \$176 million.

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## **Corps, contractor to begin excavation at Shallow Land Disposal Area next week**

The Army Corps and its contractor, Cabrera Services Inc., Conn., will begin excavation work next week to remove radiological contaminants at the Shallow Land Disposal Area, Parks Township. Much of the excavation equipment has been arriving on site recently.

Army Corps's SDLA website: [www.lrp.usace.army.mil](http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil); hardcopy documents related to the study, site testing, and removal plans are available online and at the Apollo Library, 219 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Apollo, Pa. 15613-1397. Due to its size, the Corps' Remedial Investigation study is available on disc. Please contact Patty Schwirian, Corps Office of Counsel.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pittsburgh District has been assigned to clean up 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. Disposal operations were conducted by the firm NUMEC, Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corporation, in the early 1960s. 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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## **Corps to hold public meeting on Shallow Land Disposal Area project 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, Thursday, May 12, 2011
- WHERE:** Parks Township Volunteer Fire Department Hall, 1119 Dalmation Drive Vandergrift, Armstrong County, Pa. 15690
- WHY:** The Army Corps and its contractor, Cabrera Services Inc., Conn., have been building out the Shallow Land Disposal Area site and removal of radiological contaminants is slated for late spring/early June this year. This meeting will update the public on the planned work schedule and activities, funding, test results and other issues of public interest. The current site work includes construction of a 60,000 sq ft material processing building, a water treatment plant, and other infrastructure such as roads and utilities, including relocation of a gas line.
- MEDIA:** **Corps officials will be available for interview from 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. at the fire hall.**
- RESOURCES:** Army Corps' s SDLA website: [www.lrp.usace.army.mil](http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil); hardcopy documents related to the study, site testing, and removal plans are available online and at the Apollo Library, 219 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Apollo, Pa. 15613-1397. Due to its size, the Corps' Remedial Investigation study is available on disc. Please contact Patty Schwirian, Corps Office of Counsel, 412.395.7407, to obtain a copy.

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## **Corps, Dominion Peoples to begin gas line relocation as part of SLDA site prep**

- WHO:** US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District and Dominion Peoples Gas
- WHAT:** Natural gas line relocation
- WHEN:** Relocation begins Monday, February 7, and will last approximately three weeks.
- WHERE:** Shallow Land Disposal Area, Parks Township,
- WHY:** The natural gas line will be permanently relocated from running directly through the site to around the site. The relocation work will last approximately three weeks and will enable the workers to clean up the site in a safe manner. There should be minimal impact to traffic on Kiskimere Road. However, if residents notice a significant increase or have additional concerns, they may contact the Corps Public Affairs Office at the contact information provided below. The remediation work is scheduled to start this spring.
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- 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:** 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 9  
Media availability at 5:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** Parks Township Volunteer Fire Department Hall, 1119 Dalmation Drive  
Vandergrift, Armstrong County, Pa. 15690
- WHY:** The Corps and its contractor, Cabrera Services Inc., Conn., began site preparation work this year to ready the site for the removal of radiological contaminants. This meeting will update the public on the planned work schedule and activities, funding, test results and other issues of public interest. The work will include construction of a 60,000 sq ft material processing building, a water treatment plant, and other infrastructure such as roads and utilities, including relocation of a gas line.
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## Army Corps reschedules Shallow Land Disposal Area project public meeting in Parks Township, Pa., for April 12, 7 pm

- WHO:** US 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 p.m., Monday, April 12, 2010
- WHERE:** Parks Township Volunteer Fire Department Hall, 1119 Dalmation Drive Vandergrift, Armstrong County, Pa. 15690
- WHY:** The Army Corps and its contractor, Cabrera Services Inc., Conn., will begin site preparation work this year to ready the site for the removal of radiological contaminants. This meeting will update the public on the planned work schedule and activities, funding, test results and other issues of public interest. The work will include construction of a 60,000 sq. ft. material processing building, a water treatment plant, and other infrastructure such as roads and utilities, including relocation of a gas line.
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## Public meeting on Shallow Land Disposal Area project in Parks Township, Pa., Feb. 23 postponed

The public meeting on the Shallow Land Disposal Area project in Parks Township scheduled for Feb. 23 has been postponed. A new meeting date is projected for the latter half of March to early April. Citizens and news media may contact the Public Affairs Office with questions and comments by e-mail or phone with the contact information listed above.

RESOURCES: Army Corps's SDLA website: [www.lrp.usace.army.mil](http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil) under Hot Items; hardcopy documents related to the study, site testing, and removal plans are available online and at the Apollo Library, 219 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Apollo, Pa. 15613-1397. Due to its size, the Corps' Remedial Investigation study is available on disc. Please contact Patty Schwirian, Corps Office of Counsel,

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## **Record of Decision for Shallow Land Disposal Area in Parks Township**

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers signed a Record of Decision for the Shallow Land Disposal Area (SLDA) in Parks Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania on September 7, 2007. The Record of Decision documents the Selected Remedy for cleanup of the site, the remedy was selected from the remediation alternatives put forth in the Proposed Plan issued in November 2006. In accordance with the Selected Remedy, listed as Alternative 5 in the Proposed Plan, the Corps will excavate and remove radioactive contaminated soil from the site and dispose of it in an appropriate permitted/licensed disposal facility outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This alternative is considered to be the most protective in the long term because all the radioactive contaminated soils above the set cleanup goals for the site will be permanently removed from the site.

The Corps held a meeting on January 12, 2007 at the Parks Township Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall to discuss with the public the options for cleanup of the site. Public participation included both the public meeting and a formal comment period. The Corps received two comments during the public meeting and four additional comments during the comment period. These comments were reviewed, considered and responded to in the Responsiveness Summary section of the Record of Decision.

The Selected Remedy is the most protective of human health and the environment, complies with federal and state requirements that are applicable or relevant and appropriate to the remedial action, and is cost effective.

The Record of Decision is available on-line at <http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/fusrap/sldarod.pdf> or in printed format at the Apollo Memorial Library at 219 North Pennsylvania Avenue in Apollo, Pennsylvania and at the Corps' Pittsburgh District Office at 1000 Liberty Avenue in downtown Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Administrative Record file for this project, which includes the Record of Decision plus all the documents that formed the basis for the selection of the cleanup remedy, is also available for review at the Apollo Library and the Corps' Pittsburgh District Office.

The Corps is conducting this work under the authority of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). The FUSRAP program was created to identify, investigate and take appropriate cleanup action at sites with low-level radioactive contamination from the nation's early atomic energy program. Cleanup of formerly utilized sites primarily involves contaminated soil and building debris. The Corps of Engineers uses the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) process to investigate and remediate FUSRAP sites.



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## **Public Meeting Scheduled for Shallow Land Disposal Area in Parks Township**

PITTSBURGH, PA. – The Pittsburgh District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a public meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2007 in Parks Township, Pennsylvania to hear public comments on its Proposed Plan for the Shallow Land Disposal Area (SLDA). The recently completed Proposed Plan details the Corps' recommendation on how to proceed with the project.

6:30 p.m. – Registration and Open House  
7:00 p.m. – Formal Public Meeting

Parks Township Volunteer Fire Department  
No. 1 Social Hall  
Parks Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania

In August, 2003 and April, 2004 the Corps of Engineers held public information sessions to present and discuss the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study for the Parks Township SLDA. These activities and subsequent work at the site are steps in the site investigation and cleanup process outlined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). A Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan for the SLDA site have now been completed. The Feasibility Study identifies and evaluates potential alternatives to address the contamination at the site. The Proposed Plan presents the alternative that is preferred, based on the results of that evaluation.

The purpose of this public meeting is to present the results of the Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan for the SLDA and solicit input from the public. The Project Manager and other team members will be available to answer questions about the Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan and to discuss the next steps which include the preparation of a Record of Decision and initiation of the recommended plan.

Copies of the Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan are available at the Apollo Memorial Library at 219 North Pennsylvania Avenue in Apollo, Pennsylvania and at the Corps' Pittsburgh District office at 1000 Liberty Avenue in downtown Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Comments on the Proposed Plan may also be submitted in writing either at the public meeting or by mail or e-mail. Comments should be mailed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District; ATTN: Bill Lenart; 2200 William S. Moorhead Federal Building; 1000 Liberty Avenue; Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186 or e-mailed to [william.j.lenart@usace.army.mil](mailto:william.j.lenart@usace.army.mil). Comments must be received by February 23, 2007.

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## **Corps to Conduct Geophysical Survey**

PITTSBURGH – The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pittsburgh District will conduct a geophysical survey of the Shallow Land Disposal Area site located in Parks Township. This field survey will be conducted over a period of three weeks beginning September 5.

The Corps, through a contract with Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), is conducting this geophysical exploration in order to select the most effective techniques to aid in future cleanup work at the site. Two separate geophysical techniques will be used over the entire site to pinpoint the location of underground waste. These techniques were chosen based on a field trial of five techniques conducted over a small area of the site in September of 2005. The Corps is using these techniques to detect objects and differences in soil characteristics underground, without disturbing the surface soil.

The Shallow Land Disposal Area encompasses 44 acres of land and is located 23 miles northeast of Pittsburgh in Armstrong County. It is on the right bank of the Kiskiminetas River, a tributary of the Allegheny River, near the communities of Apollo, Vandergrift and Leechburg, Pennsylvania.

The Corps is conducting this work under the authority of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). FUSRAP is a federal program that identifies and restores sites where low-level radioactive contamination may remain from former Manhattan Engineer District activities during World War II, or later peacetime activities by the Atomic Energy Commission. The Corps uses the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) process, which provides the framework for a systematic investigation, remedial design and cleanup of contaminated sites, to investigate and remediate FUSRAP sites.

The Corps' team welcomes questions and comments concerning its work at the Parks Township Shall Land Disposal Area.



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## **Corps to Conduct Geophysical Survey**

**PITTSBURGH** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pittsburgh District will conduct a geophysical survey of selected areas within the Shallow Land Disposal Area located in Parks Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

During the week of September 19, the Corps of Engineers, with technical support from the Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory, will test five geophysical techniques over two small areas within the 44 acre site to detect objects and differences in soil characteristics underground without disturbing the surface soil. This testing will aid the Corps in selecting the most effective techniques to pinpoint underground waste for future clean-up work at the Shallow Land Disposal Area.

The Corps is conducting this work under the authority of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). The FUSRAP program was created to identify, investigate and take appropriate clean-up action at sites with low-level radioactive contamination from the nation's early atomic energy program. Clean-up at formerly utilized sites primarily involves contaminated soil and building debris. The Corps of Engineers uses the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act process, which provides the framework for a systematic investigation, remedial design and clean-up of contaminated sites, to investigate and remediate FUSRAP sites.

Additional information on the Shallow Land Disposal Area in Park Township is available on the project page ([www.lrp.usace.army.mil/fusrap/slda.htm](http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/fusrap/slda.htm)) on Pittsburgh District's web site. The Corps' team welcomes questions and comments about our work at the Shallow Land Disposal Area.

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PITTSBURGH -- The Pittsburgh District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will update members of the public on the proposed cleanup of the Parks Township Shallow Land Disposal Area at a public meeting Tuesday evening in Parks Township.

The session will begin at 6 p.m. with an open house at the Parks Township Volunteer Fire Department's Social Hall No. 1, on School Street, which was also the site of previous meetings. As before there will be educational displays and representatives of the Corps of Engineers will be on hand to answer individual questions, prior to the opening of a public presentation at 7 p.m. The evening will conclude with a question and answer session.

One key part of the evening will be the discussion of the progress of the remedial investigation phase of the project, where samples have been taken of the air, soil and water in the area. The preliminary results of this sampling will be discussed. At the last public meeting in August, the Corps promised to continue a dialogue with local residents and government officials about the proposed clean-up of the site, where radioactive wastes had been placed in trenches.

The uranium wastes were the result of processing enriched uranium into naval reactor fuel, and were disposed of by the landfill's owner, the Nuclear Materials and Equipment Co (NUMEC) between 1961 and 1970. Responsibility for the site's clean-up was given to the Corps of Engineers by Congress in 1998.



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**You** are invited to a  
**PUBLIC**  
**INFORMATION SESSION**

on the  
Parks Township Shallow Land Disposal Area

**AUGUST 28, 2003**

**PARKS TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**NO. 1 SOCIAL HALL**  
School Street

- 6:00 p.m.** – open house (displays available for viewing)
- 7:00 p.m.** – welcome and introductions by Pittsburgh District Engineer,  
Colonel Raymond K. Scrocco
- 7:05 p.m.** – presentation by Project Delivery Team
- 7:30 p.m.** – questions and answers and opportunity to provide input
- 8:30 p.m.** – open house (displays available for viewing)

The Remedial Investigation stage of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) process for the Parks Township Shallow Land Disposal Area (SLDA) is under way. In January, 2003, one-on-one interviews with former NUMEC and BWXT employees and knowledgeable citizens were held. They provided valuable information. Historical reports documenting previous work at the SLDA were reviewed and a data gap analysis was completed. In the spring, historical photographic analysis and a gamma walkover to determine locations for intrusive sampling and testing were completed.

The next actions will involve field work including surface and subsurface soil sampling, investigation of the disposal trenches, on-site and off-site sediment and surface water sampling, groundwater investigations, and ambient air monitoring.

One purpose of the information session announced above is to present the plans for the upcoming field work. Also, your questions about the field work and other aspects of the cleanup of radioactive contamination at the Parks Township SLDA will be addressed. All questions and comments on the cleanup process will be welcome.

Directions to the Parks Township Volunteer Fire Department No. 1 Social Hall (the Social Hall is located beside the Fire Station):

From Leechburg: Take PA Route 66 south. After passing Lee's Lanes (bowling alley) go about ¼ mile to Penn Avenue on the left. Turn left onto Penn Avenue. At the second stop sign, turn to the left and go up the hill. After about 1/3 mile, look for the Parks Township Fire Department sign on the right.

From Vandergrift: From the Alternate PA Route 66 bridge over the Kiskiminetas River, turn left in North Vandergrift to PA Route 66. After about a block make the first right at the church. This road will wind up the hill. Go straight at the stop sign at the top of the hill. Stay on this road (now called Pleasant View Road) through a hard left turn. After going down a hill, look for the Parks Township Fire Department sign on the left.

**Please bring this session to the attention of anyone you know  
who may not have received an invitation.**



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PITTSBURGH – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pittsburgh District will begin the first phase of field investigation at the Shallow Land Disposal Area located in Parks Township, Armstrong County, Pa. on June 2, 2003.

During the week of June 2, the Corps and its contractors will prepare for what is known as a "gamma walkover," or site survey and future sampling activities. Preparation activities will include mowing and clearing, turning on utilities, setting up a site trailer, etc. The gamma walkover is expected to start during the week of June 9.

This phase of the field investigation will involve scanning the surface of the soil with field instrumentation. The purpose of the gamma walkover survey is to generate maps showing variations of gamma radiation levels at the SLDA site. The gamma walkover survey will be accomplished by slowly walking straight-line sections of the site carrying a detector and recorder on a carriage similar to a baby stroller. A global positioning system (GPS) unit will simultaneously record geographical positions and match them to the gamma count rate at each location. The gamma radiation data will be used in the development of planned intrusive Remedial Investigation work plans to select locations for soil samples.

Background readings will be determined at Gilpin/Leechburg Community Park located on Pennsylvania State Route 66 approximately 3 miles from the SLDA site. Additionally, the background count rate will be determined daily at a site known to be free of radioactive contamination. A land survey will also be conducted to establish the limits of work and to provide horizontal and vertical control of field activities.

The gamma walkover and land survey will be initiated with site workers wearing standard cotton coveralls, safety glasses, work gloves, hard hats, and steel-toed boots. No heavy equipment or machinery will be required to perform the gamma walkover survey.

The second phase of the investigation will involve surface and subsurface soil sampling, groundwater sampling and investigation of the waste disposal trenches. These activities are anticipated to start in next fall.

The Corps of Engineers welcomes the interest of citizens who would like to be kept apprised of project progress. To be added to the mailing list for the Parks Township SLDA project, contact Ron Wazenegger at by e-mail at [Ronald.W.Wazenegger@lrp02.usace.army.mil](mailto:Ronald.W.Wazenegger@lrp02.usace.army.mil) or by telephone at (412) 395-7221. His regular mail address is U.S. Army Engineer District, Pittsburgh, 2038 William S. Moorhead Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186. Additional information regarding the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program or the Parks Township Shallow Land Disposal Area can be found on the Corps of Engineers' Pittsburgh District web site at <http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/fusrap/slida.htm>.



## Corps of Engineers Hosts Parks Township Informational Meeting

PARKS TOWNSHIP-- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District will host an informational meeting May 8 at the Parks Township Volunteer Fire Department's social hall to address questions about the clean-up of radioactive contamination at a local landfill.

The meeting will begin with an informal open house from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed by a brief formal presentation addressing the timetable for the Corps' clean-up of the landfill once used to dispose of waste from uranium reprocessing. Afterwards, the public will be welcome to offer comments or ask questions about the process that the Corps will follow under legislation approved in Congress last summer.

The disposal site, known as the Shallow Land Disposal Area, is now owned by BWX Technologies (BWXT). The uranium processing was originally done in the 1950s and 1960s by a company called Nuclear Materials and Equipment Company, later purchased by Atlantic Richfield Company.

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