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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,

### 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 -more- 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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