



NEWS RELEASE

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

BUILDING STRONG®

Pittsburgh District
Public Affairs Office
1000 Liberty Avenue
22nd Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 19, 2011
Release No. NR11-231
Contact: Dan Jones
Phone 412-395-7500/01/02
Fax: 412-395-7503
CELRP-PA@usace.army.mil

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; 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.

For media inquiries, contact the Public Affairs Office at 412-395-7500 or email: celrp-pa@usace.army.mil.