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Corps of Engineers to Continue Leading Clean-up of SLDA Project

PITTSBURGH— The Pittsburgh District Commander of the US Army Corps of Engineers announced today that the Corps will continue to lead the Shallow Land Disposal Area (SLDA) radioactive waste clean-up project in Parks Township, Pa, with support from other agencies.

The project came under policy review earlier this year when the Army Corps of Engineers encountered unexpected conditions on the project site. This prompted a reevaluation of the program authority and the federal approach to the cleanup project.

“This thorough review ensures that we are pursuing the best option,” said COL William Graham, Pittsburgh District Engineer. The project will continue to move forward under the Corps’ Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). The Corps is working toward hiring a new contractor to resume clean up of the site, but there is no estimate at this time when the new work would start.

The SLDA project, encompassing 44 acres of privately owned land, is located approximately 23 miles east-northeast of Pittsburgh in Armstrong County, Pa. It is on the right bank of the Kiski River near the communities of Apollo and Vandergrift.

Radioactive waste disposal operations were conducted at the site by NUMEC and ARCO between 1960 and 1971. Low-level nuclear wastes from the nearby decommissioned Apollo operation site were disposed of in a series of 10 trenches.

Visit the SLDA website: <http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/fusrap/slda.htm> 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 size, the Corps’ Remedial Investigation Study is available on disc. Please contact Patty Schwirian at 412-395-7407 to request a copy.