December 31, 2014

Department Engineer

SUBJECT: Proposed Record of Decision Amendment for the Shallow Land Disposal Area Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program Site, Parks Township, Pennsylvania

Dear Interested Citizen:

I have enclosed a copy of the Proposed Record of Decision (ROD) Amendment for the Shallow Land Disposal Area (SLDA) Parks Township, Pennsylvania, Authorized under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). This document will be released and available for public comment from January 5, 2015, through February 4, 2015. A public hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Parks Township Volunteer Fire Department Hall, 1119 Dalmatian Drive, Vandergrift, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania 15690. A court reporter will be at the hearing to record public comments.

The SLDA is located on the east side of State Route 66 adjacent to Kiskimere Street and Mary Street. It contains process and other wastes from the Apollo Nuclear Fabrication Facility that were buried in 10 trenches from 1961 through 1970.

This Proposed ROD Amendment supports the Corps' environmental response project at the SLDA. The Corps' FUSRAP projects follow the investigation and response framework of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan. The Corps is the lead federal agency for the SLDA.

The Proposed ROD Amendment identifies the changes between the original remedy provided in the 2007 ROD and the basis for those changes. The remedy involves the excavation of radiologically contaminated soil and debris, off-site transportation, and disposal at an appropriate permitted/licensed disposal facility in order to comply with the selected applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements. The Corps has determined that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission standards for decommissioning of licensed facilities found in Chapter 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 20.1402 (10 CFR 20.1402), Radiological Criteria for Unrestricted Use, are relevant and appropriate for cleanup of radiological contamination at the SLDA.
The Proposed ROD Amendment and the documents supporting the amendment will be available for review on January 5, 2015, located in the SLDA Administrative Record File at the Apollo Memorial Library, 219 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Apollo, Pennsylvania 15613 and the Pittsburgh District office. These documents and additional information about the site are also available on the Pittsburgh District website:


Written comments may be mailed to the SLDA Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District, 2200 William S. Moorhead Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 or emailed to celrp-pa@usace.army.mil and must be postmarked or emailed by close of business on Wednesday, February 4, 2015. Please refer to the SLDA Proposed ROD Amendment in any comments. If you need any assistance with submitting your comments, please call (412) 395-7500.

If you have any specific questions, please contact Mr. Michael Helbling, SLDA Project Manager, at (412) 395-7442.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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District Engineer

Enclosure