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Corps announces proposed action identifying alternate remediation at Colonie

NEW YORK -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announces the release of a Proposed Action Memorandum identifying an alternate remedy for the Colonie Interim Storage Site.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, has been working to clean up the Colonie Interim Storage Site, the former National Lead Industries, located at 1130 Central Avenue in Albany, New York, since late 1997, when Congress transferred responsibility for executing the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program from the U.S. Department of Energy to the Corps. Since assuming responsibility for the site, the Corps has removed and disposed several tons of contaminated debris and soil at approved off-site facilities.

Due to community concerns regarding the DOE's selected alternative, technical and regulatory difficulties with elements of the selected plan, and availability of more cost-efficient off-site disposal facilities, the Corps recently explored additional options for shipping the remaining contaminated soils off-site. This involved an extensive reevaluation and analysis of the alternatives presented in DOE's 1995 Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis by the Corps, which included an off-site disposal alternative. As a result of the reevaluation, the Corps proposes an alternate remedy for the Colonie Site soil in a Proposed Action Memorandum dated June 1, 2001. The Proposed Action Memorandum summarizes the results of the reevaluation and newly proposed remedial alternative. Detailed information about the results of the reevaluation and newly proposed remedial alternative can be found in the associated Technical Memorandum. Both of these documents may be reviewed at the information repository listed below.

A public meeting will be held July 11, 2001, to discuss the Proposed Action Memorandum. The 30-day public comment period on the Proposed Action Memorandum started on June 18, 2001 and is scheduled to end on July 17, 2001. The Corps will consider all written comments received during the public comment period, as well as those comments expressed during the public meeting. Following the public comment period, a Responsiveness Summary will be prepared and made available at the information repository for public review. The information repository is located at the William K. Sanford Town Library located at 629 Albany-Shaker Road in Loudonville, New York.

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