



US Army Corps  
of Engineers

## FUSRAP

Formerly  
Utilized Sites  
Remedial  
Action Program

# FACT SHEET

## Public Health and Safety Are the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Highest Priorities

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) takes its responsibility for protecting public health and safety seriously throughout all phases of cleanup at Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP).

- If radioactive materials are discovered that pose an immediate threat to public health or safety, the Corps will take the fastest possible action to remove these materials.
- The Corps uses Environmental Protection Agency developed health risk assessment procedures to estimate potential risk posed by chemical and radioactive substances and develops action plans that eliminate or minimize these risks for workers, the community and the environment.
- Radioactive waste materials are safely disposed of only at facilities licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, regulated under the EPA's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act or permitted by other federal or state authorities.
- U.S. Department of Transportation regulations as well as the Corps' own chain-of-custody procedures strictly control safe transport of the waste to its final disposal site.
- The Corps strictly adheres to health and safety rules enforced by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration to safeguard workers at these cleanup sites against exposure to harmful materials.

### Restoring the Environment is the Corps' Ultimate Goal

For these sites to be used again by the public, the Corps aims for the highest quality environmental restoration compatible with the site's future intended use.

- The Corps first conducts an EPA mandated ecological risk assessment to determine whether site materials are causing adverse effects to sensitive ecological features.
- The site cleanup uses public participation and involvement forums to keep the public informed as to progress of the cleanup and, in some instances, to gain input regarding the site's future use.
- The Corps executes the program in collaboration with the EPA, relevant state agencies, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. These agencies participate in review of project documents, televideo conferences, and other coordination efforts that enhance the restoration process.

### The Corps Uses Best Management Practices

One way the Corps ensures that the site cleanups effectively protect public health and the environment at the FUSRAP sites is through using its districts for program management and technical execution with expert technical assistance from its Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive Waste (HTRW) Center of Expertise.

**Restoring the Environment is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Ultimate Goal.**

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