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ARMY Corps of Engineers preparing to begin remediation of final Maywood properties

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, is preparing to remove contaminated soil at two properties in Maywood, N.J. The properties are 111 Essex Street and an adjacent property owned by the New York Susquehanna & Western Railway Corporation. The soil removal is expected to begin in May 2010 and continue through September 2011. The project will be conducted in phases; work adjacent to nearby residences or businesses will occur at certain times within this period. The soil removal is being conducted by the Army Corps under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) at the Maywood Superfund Site. The Maywood Properties are part of that site.

The source of the contamination is the former Maywood Chemical Works site on West Hunter Avenue. The contamination at the Maywood Properties probably resulted from use of waste material from past Maywood Chemical Works operations as construction fill. All residential properties where this contamination has been identified have been cleaned up. The Maywood Properties are two of 24 commercial and government-owned properties in Maywood, Lodi and Rochelle Park that the Corps is currently addressing.

The soil removal will involve typical construction and excavation activities. The most obvious will be excavators, dump trucks, loaders, other construction vehicles and water handling equipment in use during the removal. Traffic control devices and flagmen will be used to safely manage construction traffic on public roads as needed. Existing vegetation in affected areas will be removed and restored after construction is complete. Adequate drainage will be maintained throughout. To ensure a safe work environment for our workers and neighbors, air monitors will also be stationed at the edge of the work zones. The Corps will also establish construction safety buffers around our work sites. These will include temporary security fence, excavation sloping, backfill and other safety measures as appropriate. Every effort will be made to conduct the work during standard weekday work hours. However, some weekend work is possible to make up for time lost due to inclement weather or other considerations.

Please contact James Moore, Project Manager, FUSRAP Maywood Superfund Site, at 201-226-6608 for additional information on our work at the Maywood Properties. General information on the Maywood Site can also be found at the FUSRAP Public Information Center, 75A West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood, 201-843-7466 or online at www.fusrapmaywood.com.

