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## Iowa Army Ammunition Plant Radiological Contamination to be Cleaned up by Army Corps of Engineers

St. Louis, Missouri— Radiologically contaminated portions of the 19,000-acre Iowa Army Ammunition Plant (IAAAP) in southeast Iowa will be addressed under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. FUSRAP is an environmental program created by Congress to address contamination associated with the nation's early atomic weapons program.

Areas of the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant were used to store, assemble, machine, burn and test fire high explosive components for the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) from the 1940s through the 1970s.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers found evidence of radioactive releases associated with AEC activities at Firing Sites 12, 6, and Line 1. Inclusion of parts of the site was based on a review of unclassified and recently declassified documentation, interviews of former workers, and limited radiological surveys.

FUSRAP activities follow the guidelines established by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), more commonly known as Superfund. Superfund establishes the process for identifying, investigating, and cleaning up inactive hazardous waste sites.

The Corps is committed to performing a thorough investigation of the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant. As new data or information becomes available, additional areas may be included in the program.

Although only those portions of the IAAAP that were affected by the activities of the AEC will be addressed by FUSRAP, the remainder of the site will continue to be addressed by the Installation Restoration Program. Officials from both programs will work closely together to ensure efficient use of funds and avoid duplication of effort.