



**US Army Corps
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Buffalo District

Current Events: Linde FUSRAP Project

Commander's Message

A message from Lt. Col. DeWillie regarding material disposed of in the Schultz Landfill in Cheektowaga, New York.

I am writing to reassure members of the community that the material placed in the Schultz Landfill in Cheektowaga, New York from the Linde Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program Site was non-radioactive, non-hazardous construction debris.



Lt. Col. Glen DeWillie

Please let me explain a little of the history. The Corps disposed of approximately 5.72 tons of clean non-radioactive, non-hazardous construction debris in the Integrated Waste Schultz Landfill in September 1998. The disposal was a result of Corps demolition activities at the Linde Site under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program. Prior to disposal, the Corps properly characterized and free-released the construction debris as non-radioactive, non-hazardous material that poses absolutely no risk to workers, residents, human health or the environment. The construction debris was no different than any other construction debris that is generated from typical construction activities.

Demolition and disposal of the former building occurred in several stages. When the building was demolished, non-radioactive materials were separated from contaminated materials. About 25 tons of non-radioactive, non-hazardous debris was generated from the demolition of the North Bay of the original building. It is important to realize that the North Bay structure was constructed after 1966 as an addition to the original building and well after uranium processing had ceased at Linde in the 1940's.

Before the North Bay was demolished, radiological surveys of the structure were conducted on over 300 points of interior and exterior surfaces of the building and the results determined the material was not contaminated. After the North Bay was demolished, the scrap steel was recycled and the remaining debris (approximately 5.72 tons) was disposed of as non-radioactive, non-hazardous solid waste at the Integrated Waste Schultz Landfill. This landfill is a properly permitted facility for this type of material.

I want to assure you that the Corps followed all applicable laws, regulations and procedures regarding the disposal of construction debris in the Integrated Waste Schultz Landfill. Our primary concern remains protection of human health and the environment, and we have taken extra precautions to carefully characterize, separate, and properly dispose of all material and debris from the Linde Site. The construction debris sent to the Schultz Landfill does not pose any safety or health concerns for anyone.

We have prepared some [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) to provide you with further information. You can also e-mail us at fusrap@usace.army.mil or call us at 1-800-833-6390 if you have any other questions.