

# The Maywood Project Site



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### New Truck Route Avoids Local Roads

A temporary road for FUSRAP Maywood Site project traffic has been completed and is in use, significantly reducing the volume of project-related truck traffic on local roads. The road connects active project work locations at 151 Maywood Avenue (Sears Logistics Services) and 100 West Hunter Avenue (Stepan Company) with the government-owned Maywood Interim Storage Site east of Route 17. This allows contaminated soil excavated from those two locations to be hauled directly to the storage site, where it is temporarily staged before shipment by rail to an out-of-state licensed disposal facility. Nearly 240,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil has been shipped offsite by rail from the FUSRAP Maywood Site to date.



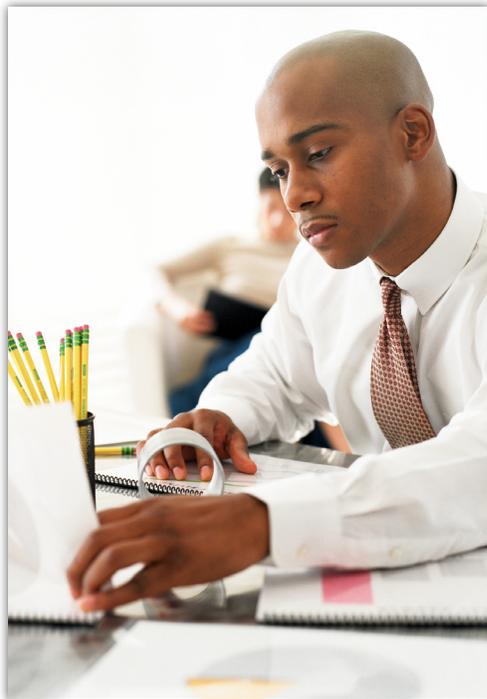
*A project dump truck enroute from the storage site to the Sears warehouse property (in background).*

The road is a key milestone in the Army Corps' ongoing commitment to minimizing community impacts as it cleans up the FUSRAP Maywood Site. In addition to reducing traffic on local streets, the road also shortens the distance between the cleanup locations and the staging area, thereby reducing fuel consumption and air emissions. The shorter route also improves overall productivity by increasing the volume of soil that can be hauled on a typical day. Completion of the road would not have been possible without the ongoing and much-appreciated cooperation of the affected property owners and their tenants.

With the recent completion of property cleanups along Essex Street in Maywood in concert with the state roadwork there, most of the remaining FUSRAP Maywood Site work will be limited to the three properties mentioned above. This means that many of our day to day activities will go unnoticed by most local residents, motorists, and visitors to the area. However, the Corps recognizes that some members of the public continue to be affected by our work, especially those working at and visiting commercial properties undergoing active cleanup. We will continue working with those property owners, managers and employees to ensure that their needs are safely and efficiently accounted for in our cleanup operations.

### The March to One Million Safe Work Hours

The FUSRAP Maywood project safety record continues to improve. As of mid-July, the project had logged over 1,800 days without a lost time accident resulting in days away from work and/or days of restricted duty. This translates to more than 932,000 work hours without such an accident. This record reflects a shared commitment to safety on the part of the Army Corps, Shaw Environmental, and our local craft labor and contractors. It is also evidence of the ongoing cooperation of landowners, tenants and employees of affected properties, as well as the support of local officials. Our goal is to surpass the one million hour mark later in 2008. We'll keep you posted.



### Groundwater Study Moving Forward

Draft documents detailing groundwater contamination at the FUSRAP Maywood Site have been submitted to regulatory agencies for review. The documents, known as the Feasibility Study (FS) and Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP), have been provided to both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The FS evaluates options for addressing site groundwater contaminants, while the PRAP describes the preferred remedy and the technical basis for its selection. Once regulator comments are received, the Army Corps will revise the documents accordingly and make them available for public review and comment. Availability of the reports and details on the required public hearing will be publicized in local media, including *The Record* and *Our Town* newspapers.



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## Working Together to Solve Problems ... Safely

The FUSRAP Maywood Site Team takes seriously its responsibility for safely managing site contaminants. That is why we continually strive to work with other parties that may need to excavate at or near Site properties. A recent experience with the Passaic Valley Water Commission (PVWC) is one such example. PVWC reached out to Maywood Site staff to discuss repairs to a leaking 8-inch water line in the Borough of Lodi. PVWC had previously worked with Site staff on utility issues during prior cleanups in Lodi. The water line was located under Columbia Lane adjacent to two Maywood Site properties with known contamination. Given this proximity and past coordination, PVWC was aware of the potential exposure risks to their workers from excavating at this location. This prompted PVWC to contact Site staff early in their planning process to assess these risks and explore ways to reduce them.



*The nearly-completed water line repair site next to a designated Maywood Site vicinity property (inside fence).*

Following several field visits to the repair site, a detailed scoping meeting between key PVWC and Site staff was held. PVWC described the scope of work for the repair, including their best estimate of the leak location, the anticipated depth and extent of excavation, and the schedule for the work. Maywood Site experts (including construction, engineering and radiation safety specialists) in turn offered an assessment of the potential risks to PVWC workers during the excavation, based on the current understanding of FUSRAP contamination on both sides of Columbia Lane near the leak. This assessment found that the chance of encountering soil contaminants during the repair excavation was high. Given this likelihood, it was agreed that Site personnel would excavate the repair location to expose the leaking pipe, using applicable FUSRAP worker protection, construction safety and soil management practices. After the leak was exposed, contaminated soil would be removed to create a “clean haven” work zone. This would allow PVWC contractors to complete the water line repair, backfill the excavation and repave the street. It was also agreed that PVWC would notify nearby residents and local officials regarding the work. A schedule for the field work was also established.

A Maywood Site field crew mobilized soon thereafter. Initial tasks included traffic control, geophysical surveying, temporary fencing installation and staging of a storage tank to handle potentially contaminated groundwater from the excavation. The pavement was then opened up and the underlying soil was removed to expose the leaking pipe. A clean work zone was established, after which PVWC contractors successfully and safely completed the repair. 186 cubic yards of FUSRAP contaminated soil was safely excavated and transported during the work.

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## Community Resources

The FUSRAP Maywood Site Public Information Center is your community resource for “one stop shopping” on our project. The center’s staff has assisted hundreds of residents, business people, local officials, students and others find information on many aspects of our work. From basic information on site history and the current status of our cleanups to more technical items like the science and engineering behind what we do, the Public Information Center is there to help you stay informed and involved in the FUSRAP Maywood Superfund Site cleanup. We are conveniently located in Maywood’s recently improved downtown shopping district, with free on-street parking available. Onsite photocopying is also available for smaller documents.

### FUSRAP Public Information Center

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