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Washington, DC – Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Rules Committee, today announced that the House of Representatives passed the Omnibus appropriations bill Monday night, which included \$140 million for the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). This funding will provide the US Army Corps of Engineers with the resources necessary to continue the clean up efforts for the former Linde Site in Tonawanda, New York.

“This funding is a significant step forward in our fight to clean up the former Linde site,” said Rep. Slaughter. “I am very pleased that critical resources have been secured to move ahead with the project. By passing this legislation, Congress is working to meet its obligation to the residents of Tonawanda and the surrounding area.”

Congresswoman Slaughter has been working hard this year to ensure that appropriators provide critical funding for the FUSRAP account. Since 1998, the US Army Corps of Engineers has been engaged in remediation work at the former Linde facility, which processed uranium ore during the Manhattan Project. The additional funding will allow the Army Corps to continue to remove the remaining contaminated materials and to dispose of them in legally permitted disposal facilities.

The Army Corps has indicated that it is giving priority to sites that are nearing completion of their clean-up efforts, such as the former Linde site, which has 80 percent of its work finished.

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