



THE LEGISLATURE NIAGARA COUNTY

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Buffalo District
1776 Niagara St.
Buffalo, N.Y. 14207-3199

RE: Objection to Disposal of Radioactive Residues or Wastes at the Niagara Falls
Storage Site (NFSS)

Dear [REDACTED]:

This letter is in response to the September 28, 2011 public workshop conducted by the Corps of Engineers regarding "Waste Disposal Options" for radioactive material which is temporarily housed at the federally-owned Niagara Falls Storage Site, located in Lewiston, N.Y.

At this public workshop, a radioactive waste disposal facility was included in two of the three options being considered by the Corps of Engineers and interested agencies. This letter makes clear our support for a third alternative under consideration: removal of all radioactive residues and wastes from the NFSS. We object to permanent disposal or extended temporary storage of radioactive waste or residues at the NFSS.

The Corps announced at this public workshop, "We learned that K-65 can be removed safely." We urge the federal government to safely remove all of its radioactive residues and wastes at the Niagara Falls Storage Site as soon as possible. The passage of time since construction of the interim waste containment structure (IWCS) at the NFSS, much of which dates to the 1940s, concerns this government.

We also believe the NFSS should meet clean-up standards acceptable for unrestricted use, as it is situated in close proximity to residential properties and schools. Drainages from the NFSS travel through residential areas in the short distance to Lake Ontario. Anything less than an "unrestricted use" clean-up standard may also complicate environmental monitoring of nearby agricultural and industrial operations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Legislature Chairman

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