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NIAGARA FALLS STORAGE SITE REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT AVAILABILITY/INFORMATION SESSION SCHEDULED

BUFFALO, NY— The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District will be available to the public for two information sessions regarding the recently released Remedial Investigation (RI) Report for the Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS) located in the town of Lewiston. The first session, that will provide an overview of RI findings, will be Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at the Lewiston Senior Center, 436 Lower River Road, Youngstown, NY. The team will be available to answer your questions from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., formal presentations will be provided regarding the report beginning at 7:15 p.m., and then the team will again be available for public questions from 8:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

“The Corps values the input it receives from the community,” said Lieutenant Colonel John S. Hurley, Buffalo District Commander. “We will tailor our presentation for the August meeting based on the input we receive.” The Corps’ second meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, August 6 in the same location.

The Remedial Investigation of the NFSS was performed under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). The Remedial Investigation Report, released last December, documents the results of three phases of field sampling and laboratory analysis to determine the nature and extent of radioactive and chemical contamination resulting from Manhattan Engineer District and Atomic Energy Commission activities. The report includes results from a groundwater model that was used to determine the fate and transport of these contaminants through the upper water bearing zone, the lower water bearing zone and the clay layer that separates them. An evaluation of the safe life expectancy of the site’s Interim Waste Containment Structure is also included in the report. A comprehensive assessment of potential human health risks and ecological risks resulting from exposure to environmental contamination at the site is included in the report as well.

Additional information regarding the Buffalo District’s FUSRAP activities is available on the Buffalo District Website at: <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap/>

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