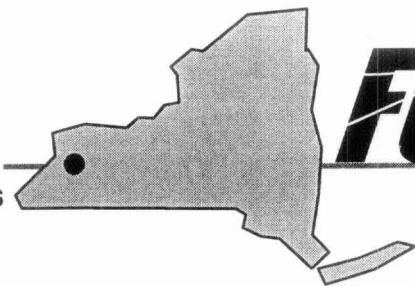


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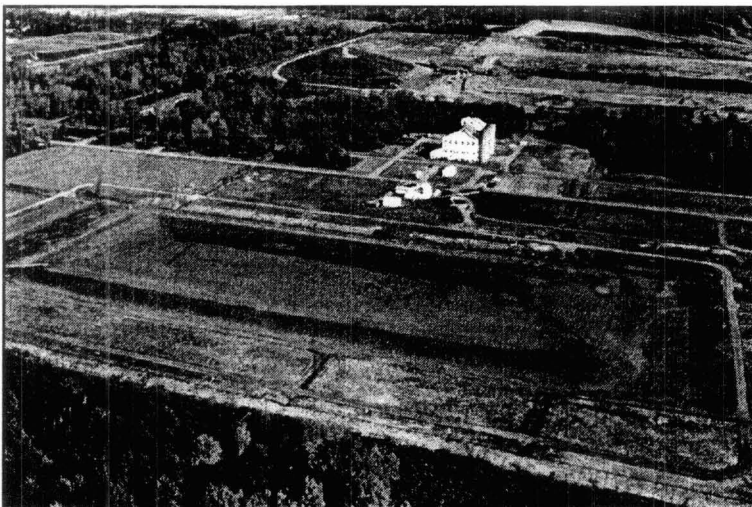
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Site Description and History

The Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS) is located in the Township of Lewiston in Niagara County, New York. The site is about 19 miles northwest of Buffalo, New York.

The facility was used by the Manhattan Engineer District for storing radioactive residues and wastes from uranium ore processing. In addition, radioactive residues and wastes were brought from other sites for storage until the late 1950s.



Several buildings remain on the 190-acre site. Radioactive wastes and residues are stored in an engineered containment structure that occupies about 10 acres. The containment structure was constructed in two phases in 1986 and 1991.

The Corps of Engineers maintains site security, environmental surveillance, and monitoring of the site. Under present conditions and use, radioactive material at the site does not present an exposure hazard to workers or members of the public.

Long-Term Management of Radioactive Residues and Wastes

The Corps of Engineers is aware of previous studies conducted by the U. S. Department of Energy and the National Academy of Science.

The Corps of Engineers plans to complete a comprehensive review of previous work to further evaluate technical options of the low-level radioactive material stored at the site. A remedial investigation was initiated in March 1999 to investigate both radiological and chemical potential contaminants. Phase I of the sampling was completed in early January 2000 and results have been received in draft form. Phase II of the sampling began on August 21, 2000 and has been expanded in scope to assure all on-site contaminants are found. A formal report of results is expected in September of 2001, but this date may change dependent upon how many additions need to be made for the study.

For More Information

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