



FACT SHEET

PURPOSE: The purpose of this fact sheet is to summarize the status of the US Army Corps of Engineers remedial investigation project at the Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS). Specifically, the table below details the status of technical and decision documents required under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The CERCLA is the federal law which defines the phased, risk-based process by which federal agencies investigate and respond to releases of contaminants to the environment from past federal government activities.

PROJECT LOCATION: The NFSS is located at 1397 Pletcher Road in the Town of Lewiston, NY approximately 19 miles north of Buffalo, NY. The NFSS is a federally owned property 191 acres in size. The NFSS was originally part of a World War II explosives plant called the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) which was approximately 7,500 acres in size. Through the late 1940s and 1950s, approximately 1,640 acres of the former LOOW was owned and operated by the Manhattan Engineer District (MED) and the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC). Through the 1970s the AEC gradually consolidated its operations and sold excess property to the public. The NFSS property is the last remaining parcel of former AEC property still under federal ownership.

Project Phase	Objective of the Project Phase	Document Name	Document Status
Preliminary Assessment / Site Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine if environmental contamination from past federal activities may be present. - Is a federal remedial investigation required? 	PA/SI Report	Complete
Remedial Investigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine the nature and extent of contamination resulting from past federal activity. - Evaluate impacts, fate and transport of contaminants through groundwater - Assess human health and/or ecological risks resulting from contaminants in the environment 	Remedial Investigation Report	Enclosed <i><u>Remedial Investigation Report for the Niagara Falls Storage Site December 2007</u></i>
Feasibility Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify and evaluate potential response alternatives and cleanup technologies. - Identify a preferred response alternative. 	Feasibility Study Report	In Progress
Proposed Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Document the lead agency's proposed response alternative. - Seek and consider comments from the State prior to public release. - Seek and consider comments from the Public through a mandatory 30-day public review period. 	Proposed Plan	<i>Not Started</i>
Record of Decision	Document the lead agency's selection of the response alternative based upon the Remedial Investigation, the Feasibility Study, and comments received from the State and the Public on the Proposed Plan.	Record Of Decision	<i>Not Started</i>

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Remedial Design	Prepare engineering plans, specifications, and contract documents to implement the selected response alternative.	Remedial Design Documents	<i>Not Started</i>
Remedial Action	Execute the selected response alternative and document results.	Remedial Action Reports	<i>Not Started</i>
Interim Remedial Action	Execute emergency response actions in cases of imminent threat to public health or the environment.	Interim Remedial Action Reports	<i>Not Started</i>
Site Monitoring and Maintenance	Perform and document environmental monitoring activities to ensure the selected response alternative is protective of human health and the environment per the Record of Decision.	Site Monitoring & Maintenance Reports	<i>The USACE performs daily site monitoring and maintenance of the existing site and would adjust these activities to address requirements related to the selected remedial actions taken at the site</i>
Site Closure	Document the findings supporting site closure.	Site Closure Reports	<i>Not Started</i>

PROJECT PROCESS: As the lead federal agency for FUSRAP, USACE prepares CERCLA documents and engages state governments and the public in a consistent manner for each project.

- USACE will accept and consider comments or concerns from any party at any time throughout the CERCLA process.

- USACE does not provide draft copies of CERCLA documents to any party outside the USACE for review or comment prior to public release.

- If USACE receives new relevant information which warrants revisions to a CERCLA document after public release, the changes will be published in an Addendum to the original document.

- When USACE releases its "Proposed Plan" (the recommended cleanup action) USACE is required to seek and consider comments from the state government and the public and prepare a responsiveness summary which is included in the Record of Decision. CERCLA does not require a response to comments received during all other stages of the project.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The report is available at the Town of Lewiston Public Library, 305 South 8th Street, Lewiston, NY 14092 and the Youngstown Free Library, 240 Lockport Street, Youngstown, NY 14174. The executive summary of the report is available at

www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap/nfss/index.htm.

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