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NFSS FUSRAP Site

Transitioning to Feasibility Study Activities Fact Sheet

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This fact sheet has been prepared to address community outreach needs and is consistent with provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). Fact sheets are one part of an effort to provide public information on environmental restoration and waste management.

Purpose

The purpose of this fact sheet is to announce that while the US Army Corps of Engineers, is working on responses to your comments on the Remedial Investigation Report for Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS) and preparing an addendum to the report, we are also transitioning into the Feasibility Study (FS) phase under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). The FS is the study that will evaluate technologies that can be used to remediate the site. Typically the FS is not available to the public for review until the entire document is completed and released. To provide the public with greater opportunities for input, the Corps will be approaching the development of the FS in a manner that allows for public involvement and input at various technical decision points for the FS. This approach includes public information workshops and the generation of a number of technical memoranda addressing specific areas (e.g., radon assessment, waste disposal options and lessons learned from Fernald, etc.). The Corps will first release a fact sheet describing the objectives of each technical memorandum and ask for public input on these objectives. The Corps will consider the comments received and then develop and release each technical memorandum. The public will again be provided the opportunity to comment on each completed technical memorandum. Responses to public comments on each technical memorandum will be made available on the project website. In this manner, the public will be given the opportunity for review and comment as we progress through the development of the FS.

Project Background

The NFSS is a 191-acre federal property containing a 10-acre interim waste containment structure (IWCS). The IWCS holds radioactive residues and wastes brought to the site by the Manhattan Engineering District (MED) and the Atomic Energy

Commission (AEC) during the 1940s and 1950s. The Corps is the lead federal agency addressing environmental issues at the site under the authority of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) and in accordance with the provisions of CERCLA.

Administrative Record File

The Administrative Record File for the NFSS FUSRAP Site contains CERCLA-related decision documentation for the NFSS. Reports and documents in the Administrative Record may be viewed at the following locations:

US Army Corps of Engineers
1776 Niagara Street
Buffalo, New York 14207 (by appointment only)

Town of Lewiston Public Library
305 South 8th Street
Lewiston, NY 14092

Youngstown Free Library
240 Lockport Street
Youngstown, NY 14174

For More Information

For more information, please call the FUSRAP toll-free public access line:

800-833-6390

The Buffalo District Web page address for the Niagara Falls Storage Site is:

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

Electronic mail can be sent to us at:

fusrap@usace.army.mil

Please let us know if you would like to be included on the mailing list for the Niagara Falls Storage Site.

You may also contact the:
US Army Corps of Engineers
FUSRAP Team
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