

Niagara Falls Storage Site News from the Corps

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Hello from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District:

We are working on numerous projects for the Niagara Falls Storage Site and we wanted to provide you with a brief update on our progress.

We are continuing to execute all our project and site activities at the Niagara Falls Storage Site despite the coronavirus. The Corps is actively monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation and is in regular communication with our personnel and contractors to emphasize the importance of taking appropriate actions -- such as social distancing, wearing appropriate protective equipment, and personal hygiene measures -- to safeguard employee health and welfare while working during the pandemic.

Members of the project team completed the spring groundwater sampling event in May at the site. The project team is currently preparing to perform the radon flux monitoring next month, and the annual Environmental Surveillance Technical Memorandum for 2019 is being reviewed.

The proposed plan for the Balance of Plant will be released for public comment this fall. Due to the COVID-19 situation we will be conducting our public meeting virtually to present our proposed remedy and receive your questions and comments.

We had very positive feedback from contractors responding to our February sources sought notice to gauge market interest in performing remedial planning, design, and construction oversight assistance services for site remediation. We look forward to releasing a remedial design contract solicitation this fall, and expect to be able to award a contract next spring.

In addition to the work being completed at the Niagara Falls Storage Site, we are conducting a site inspection at Vicinity Property X, with an anticipated report release in fiscal year 2022. The project team is also drafting the Vicinity Property H Prime remedial investigation report. Based on the current schedule, we anticipate releasing the document in fiscal year 2022.

The Corps' FUSRAP priorities are to be protective of human health and the environment, to ensure that work is conducted in a safe and efficient manner, and prevent the spread of contamination.

We will continue to keep you updated with our progress at the site. If you know someone that would be interested in receiving News from the Corps emails about the Niagara Falls Storage Site, please ask them to email fusrap@usace.army.mil to be added to our database.