

Niagara Falls Storage Site Vicinity Property X News from the Corps of Engineers

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

The sampling and analysis plan for the preliminary assessment and site inspection of Niagara Falls Storage Site's Vicinity Property (VP) X is now available on the project website at: <https://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/FUSRAP/Niagara-Falls-Storage-Site/> in the VP X portion of the Reports section. We will be performing gamma radiation walkover surveys over areas of past site activities or locations where remediation was completed at VP X. The gamma walkover survey results will be used to identify areas of potentially elevated radioactivity to determine where soil samples should be taken. Analytical results for representative composite soil samples will then be screened and characterized to determine whether further investigation is necessary.

The 22-acre VP is located in the Towns of Lewiston and Porter, New York, within the boundaries of the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works. The Town of Lewiston has owned VP X since 1974, when it acquired the property from the federal government. It is bordered by the federally owned Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS) to the south; Chemical Waste Management, LLC, to the north and east; and a National Grid easement to the west.

In 1984 and 1986, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) investigated and remediated VP X under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program and in 1991, the DOE certified that radiological conditions on the property met cleanup guidelines for unrestricted use. In 2014 the DOE referred VP X to the Corps of Engineers, under a memorandum of understanding, for further assessment. The preliminary assessment/site inspection report is currently scheduled for release during the fall of 2023.

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