

Niagara Falls Storage Site News from the Corps

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

In response to requests received by the Corps of Engineers today, December 4, 2020, the public comment period for the Proposed Plan, Balance of Plant and Groundwater Operable Units (OUs), Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS) is being extended by an additional 30 days. You are encouraged to review and provide your comments on the proposed plan by January 5, 2021.

The proposed plan and a fact sheet are available on the project website at: <https://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/FUSRAP/Niagara-Falls-Storage-Site/> in the Reports section and Fact Sheet section respectively.

The proposed plan documents the Corps of Engineers' preferred alternative for the Balance of Plant and Groundwater OUs, which is Alternative 3 Removal with Building Decontamination. Under Alternative 3, impacted soil, road bedding, and groundwater are removed; the foundation and utilities of former Building 401 are removed, and Building 433 and the foundations of former Buildings 430 and 431/432 are decontaminated by scarifying (mechanically grinding the surface) and left in place. FUSRAP-related material that is removed will be transported off-site for disposal at an appropriately permitted disposal facility. Following implementation of Alternative 3, the site would be remediated to levels suitable for industrial use (i.e., protective of both construction and industrial workers). Five-year reviews will be conducted to ensure continued protectiveness of the remedy.

You are encouraged to email your comments to fusrap@usace.army.mil. Written comments can be submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District, Environmental Project Management Section, 1776 Niagara Street; Buffalo, New York 14207. Receipt of mailed comments could be delayed due to COVID-19 practices that are in place. Responses to questions received during the comment period regarding the proposed plan will be placed on the project website in the Public Presentations section.