

## **Niagara Falls Storage Site News from the Corps of Engineers**

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

Below is a brief update on our progress and schedule for remediating the Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS) and our work pertaining to the NFSS Vicinity Properties.

### **Niagara Falls Storage Site Cleanup**

We recently provided Congressman Chris Jacobs a tour of the site and held a very informative discussion with our project team and district commander. We highlighted our plan to completely remove the Interim Waste Containment Structure (IWCS) and our ongoing monitoring and maintenance activities, which ensure the protectiveness of the IWCS. We also discussed the Corps of Engineers' capabilities, challenges, and opportunities to complete the remediation of the site.

We are on schedule to award this summer the architect-engineer contract to design the removal of the IWCS and the cleanup of the NFSS. Once the contract is awarded, we will issue individual task orders for the designer to complete specific services and products. The first task order, which is scheduled to be awarded in fall 2021, is under development now.

One of the early task orders will include an updated analysis of the overall project schedule and budget to remove the IWCS and complete the site cleanup. For the past three fiscal years Congress has significantly increased national FUSRAP appropriations, which is helping accelerate cleanup underway at other sites and funds the NFSS project at efficient levels. If these higher levels of funding continue we anticipate being able to complete the remedial design and start preparatory cleanup on the soils, infrastructure, and groundwater outside the IWCS in the next five years.

Thank you to those who submitted comments on the proposed plan for the NFSS Balance of Plant and Groundwater Operable Units. Our responses to comments received will be included in the record of decision, which will outline the selected remedy for the soils, infrastructure, and groundwater outside the IWCS. This document is currently scheduled for release in 2022. With the signing of this record of decision we will complete the investigation phase for the site and will transition to the cleanup phase!

### **Off-Site Vicinity Properties**

Vicinity Property-H Prime: The remedial investigation report for Vicinity Property H Prime is currently scheduled for release in the fall of 2022.

Vicinity Property-X: We are determining the data collection needs to support the site inspection of Vicinity Property X, and anticipate completing our field sampling effort this summer. The data from the sampling will be included in the preliminary assessment/site inspection report, which is currently scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2022.

### **NFSS Project Website**

The NFSS project website was recently reorganized to make it easier to navigate. For additional information about the site, please visit <https://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/FUSRAP/Niagara-Falls-Storage-Site/>.

We will continue to provide you with updates as progress is made. If you know someone that would be interested in receiving updates regarding the NFSS and its Vicinity Properties, please ask them to contact us at [fusrap@usace.army.mil](mailto:fusrap@usace.army.mil).