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The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has posted the Assessment of Historical Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory Waste Storage Locations Niagara Falls Storage Site FUSRAP Site (Rev 3, May 2013) to the DOE Legacy Management website at http://www.lm.doe.gov/Niagara/KAPL_S06763.pdf.

DOE began reviewing documentation in 2011 in response to stakeholder concerns about final conditions at certain Niagara Fall Storage Site (NFSS) vicinity properties where Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory (KAPL) wastes were temporarily stored and which were remediated in the 1980s.

This report provides a summary of available information about radiological conditions on selected closed vicinity properties, from the initial decontamination through the assessment, post remedial action, and verification phases of the cleanup. DOE finds that KAPL wastes were remediated to levels that do not exceed regulatory limits and no use restrictions are required as the result of KAPL waste involvement at these properties. Please note that remediation is ongoing at several properties and final site conditions are not yet known.

DOE solicited public comment and input after the report was released in draft form in March 2012. Stakeholders were asked to provide any additional information concerning the reviewed properties that might not be included in the DOE document collection.

Stakeholder comments addressed concerns about waste characterization, handling, and final radiological conditions at the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW). The comments and DOE responses are presented in a response summary, which is Attachment III of this report. DOE will continue to respond to comments provided at any time about conditions on the closed vicinity properties, and if DOE receives additional information that changes the conclusions, DOE will amend the report.

Comments and additional information may be e-mailed directly to Chris Clayton, DOE program manager, at FUSRAPinfo@lm.doe.gov.

Please note that this report is not a decision document, nor does it fulfill any regulatory requirement. For information concerning the DOE FUSRAP program, please visit our website at http://energy.gov/lm/sites/lm-sites/programmatic-framework/fusrap-program-information.

If you have any difficulty accessing the report on the website or have any other questions, please contact the contractor public affairs officer for FUSRAP at:

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