

Kesselring Heavy Haul Operations: Proposed Social Media Content for Use by Municipalities

In order to help the Village of Ballston Spa, Town of Ballston and Town of Milton communicate with residents about the heavy haul transport being performed in support of the MARF defueling project, the following content can be used on municipal social media Facebook or Instagram accounts to inform residents prior to the commencement of the heavy haul. Three images have been provided; one that provides Public Affairs contact information and one that shows the route the heavy haul will take between the Ballston Spa rail spur and the Kesselring Site and a third a picture of the transport container.

Written Content

The Kesselring Site, in West Milton, New York, is preparing to defuel the reactor of one of the two remaining nuclear propulsion prototype plants. The removed fuel is placed in an empty shipping container and transported to the Naval Reactors Facility in Idaho for final disposition. The defueling poses no safety concerns to the public or the environment. To support the work, two oversized truck shipments between Ballston Spa and the Kesselring Site (one to and one from) will occur and impact traffic patterns. The first shipment (May 2024) will be the empty fuel shipping container. The return shipment (Summer 2025) will contain the radioactive spent fuel. The material will be shipped using an extremely robust shipping container in accordance with US Department of Transportation regulations.

- See Figure 1 for the travel route between Ballston Spa and the Kesselring Site and Figure 2 for an example of the shipping container to be used.
- Each trip is expected to take approximately two hours and will account for height restrictions and traffic patterns.
- The company responsible for conducting the shipments will obtain all the proper permits and follow all oversize shipment procedures as required by the New York State Department of Transportation. The company will also coordinate with state, county, and local officials to inform the public of road closures and impacts to traffic patterns. Local Law Enforcement will ensure roadways are appropriately controlled.

For any questions or concerns please contact the Naval Nuclear Laboratory's Public Affairs Office using the contact information below.

Images

Image 1: Public Affairs Contact Information

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Figure 1: Heavy Haul Route

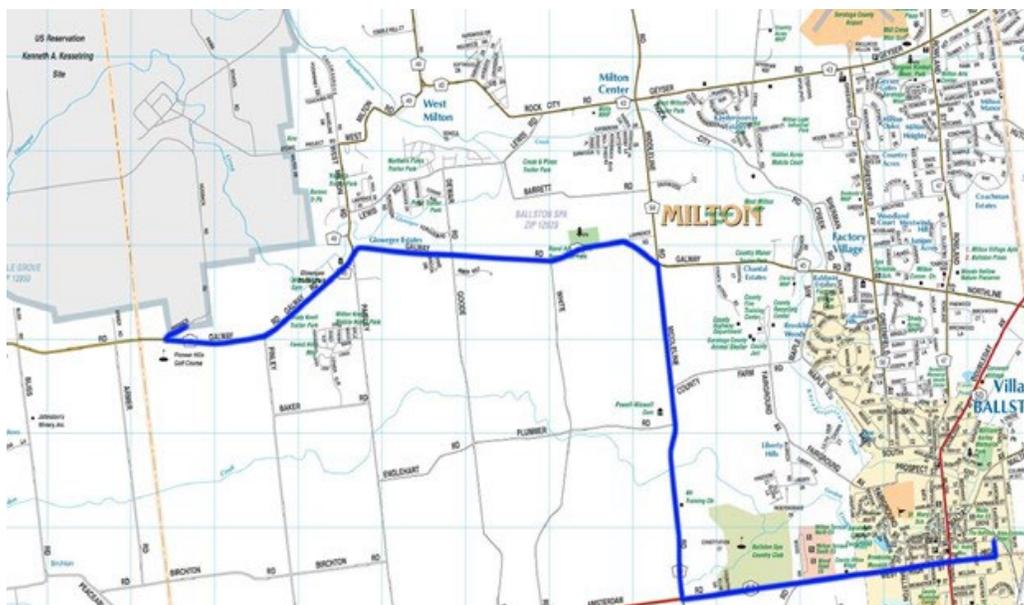


Figure 2: Shipping Container

