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Corps Reviews Public Input - Decides Official DoD Restoration Advisory Board will not be formed for former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site

BUFFALO, NY — In response to input received from the community surrounding the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) Site located in the towns of Lewiston and Porter regarding the establishment of an official Department of Defense (DoD) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB), the US Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District Commander, Lieutenant Colonel John S. Hurley, announces “I appreciate the input received from the community, elected officials, government agencies and non-government organizations regarding whether the Corps should establish a DoD RAB. I have thoroughly reviewed the input received; and after careful consideration, have decided not to establish an official DoD RAB.”

This decision means that the Buffalo District will continue to sponsor an outreach program that supports a variety of public involvement activities including public meetings and discussions with the local community. The Buffalo District will reassess community interest in a DoD RAB in 24 months. “I recognize that there is significant and diverse local interest in the Corps mission at the former LOOW Site which deserves thoughtful and serious consideration. My goal is to sponsor a diverse and robust outreach program which accomplishes several objectives,” continued Lieutenant Colonel Hurley. “First, the Corps will continue to engage the widespread interest and expertise existing with local individuals and community groups. Second, the Corps will ensure the program offers timely and meaningful opportunities for public input which complement our mission to address DoD environmental issues at the LOOW Site.”

In the coming months the Corps will begin seeking public input and engaging the local community to help plan for future outreach activities. The next scheduled outreach event is the second information/availability session regarding the Niagara Falls Storage Site Remedial Investigation Report. This session is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lewiston Senior Center, 436 Lower River Road, Youngstown, NY. The Corps has rescheduled this meeting from August 6 at the request of several community members.

For additional information regarding this decision, please visit the Buffalo District website at www.lrb.usace.army.mil/derpfuds/loow-nfss, or contact Ms. Arleen Kreuzsch, Outreach Program Specialist, at (716) 879-4438 or (800) 833-6390.

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