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Public input reviewed - Restoration Advisory Board for the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site will not be formed

BUFFALO, NY — After careful consideration of the input received in accordance with the applicable regulations, Buffalo District Commander Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Daniel B. Snead, announces he has decided not to establish an official Department of Defense (DoD) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) Site at this time.

“Under current DoD rules, an official DoD RAB would only be able to address issues with the former LOOW Site under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS),” stated LTC Snead, “and thus would not meet the needs of the community and local stakeholders regarding the Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS), and more specifically, the Interim Waste Containment Structure (IWCS).” This decision means that for the next 24 months, the Buffalo District will continue to hold periodic discussion workshops with the local community on both the LOOW and NFSS sites.

“It is very clear that highly interested members of the community and stakeholders seek to contribute their expertise on technical issues in greater detail, especially regarding the IWCS,” continued Snead. “Because of this, we have reached out to the US Environmental Protection Agency to gain their lessons learned with technical facilitators at other environmental cleanup sites. I have confidence that a facilitator will be beneficial for all parties involved in the cleanup of these sites. We are dedicating our next workshop to discussing the details of community expectations and options available for us to establish facilitated technical discussions as part of our processes for these sites.”

The input received is available on the Corps’ website at <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/derpfuds/loow/index.htm>.

If you need additional information please send an e-mail to derpfuds@usace.army.mil or contact Ms. Arleen Kreuzsch, Outreach Program Specialist, at (800) 833-6390 (Option 4).

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