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BUFFALO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS 1776 NIAGARA STREET **BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14207-3199** 

July 31, 1998

Jack Hoyt **USEPA Region 2** Air and Waste Management Division Attn: RCRA Notifications 290 Broadway, 21st Floor New York, NY 10007-1866

Mr. Hoyt:

Enclosed is an application for an EPA ID number for the Former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) in Niagara County, NY. As Mary Kay O'Mara explained to you during your telephone conversation on 7/30/98, the site is a formerly used defense site. however the property has subsequently been excessed and sold to private and municipal owners. The contamination on site was generated by the DoD, and all removal actions under this ID number will be for DoD cleanup. Also enclosed for your information is a fact sheet for the site including a map delineating the original boundaries of the LOOW.

If you have any technical questions related to the ID number application please contact Mary Kay O'Mara of the Hydrologic and Hydraulic Engineering Section, she can be reached at (716) 879-4417. If you have any other questions related to the LOOW please contact me at (716) 879-4146.

Thankyou.

Raymond L. Pilon Project Manager

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#### X. Description of Regulated Wastes (Continued; (Additional Sheet)

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# Fact Sheet

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#### Lake Ontario Ordnance Works

#### Telephone:

Please call the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 24-hour, toll-free public access line. Toll-free Telephone Number: 1-800-833-6390 Your call will be returned promptly.

#### Internet:

FUSRAP also has a home page on the Internet Home Page Address: http://www.fusrap.usa ce.army.mil **Buffalo** District Home Page Address: http://www. ncb.usace.army.mil

#### Mail:

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: Public Information Center 1776 Niagara Street Buffalo, NY 14207 (716) 879-4104

Please let us know if you would like to be included on our mailing list for the former LOOW site.

#### Site Description and History

The former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) site is a 7,500-acre parcel located within the townships of Lewiston and Porter in Niagara County, New York. The site is approximately ten miles north of the city of Niagara Falls, 15 miles west of the city of Lockport, two miles south of Lake Ontario and less than two miles east of the Niagara River.

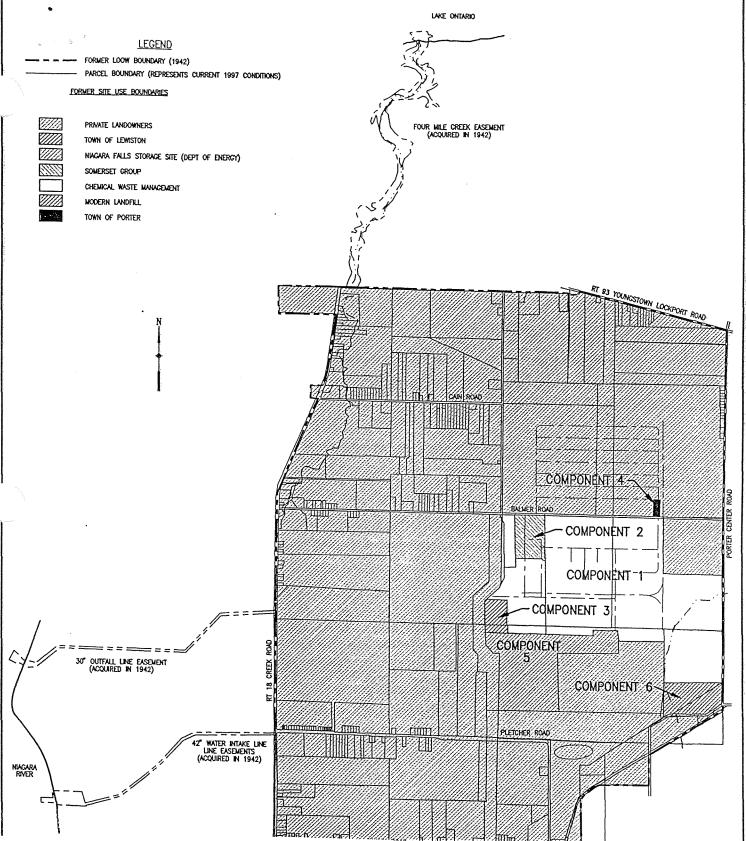
Approximately 2,500 acres were used in the early 1940s by the War Department for production and storage of trinitrotoluene (TNT), an explosive, for World War II. The remaining 5,000 acres were left undeveloped to serve as a buffer. Portions of the LOOW site have since been used by several branches of the Departments of Defense and Energy for various manufacturing and storage activities, including the pilot production of high energy fuels.

Overestimation by the Army of the need for TNT during World War II resulted in the closure of the TNT plant in July 1943 after only nine months of operation. Following the decommissioning of the TNT plant, the majority of the LOOW facility was sold to private citizens, with the government retaining the former active 2,500-acre portion of the site. Current uses include public schools, residential areas, small farms, churches, a conservation club, a trout hatchery, and other privately-owned operations. Portions of the property remain under government ownership.

#### Work to Date

In January 1988, the former LOOW site was determined to be eligible for inclusion in the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS). A Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study (RI/FS) of the TNT pipeline, the Chemical Waste Sewer, and the Drum Trench referred to as Area A, and the Burn Pit referred to as Area B, was completed in July 1988. A Preliminary Contamination Assessment (PCA) addressing loose chemicals and asbestos problems on the Somerset Property, was completed in July 1992. The final Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for removal actions in both units, was completed in March 1995. A comprehensive site-wide RI/FS is scheduled to be completed in 2001, with Phase I investigations commencing in May 1998.

Several interim removal actions, including asbestos, chemical, and pipeline remediation, are planned. In addition, Innovative Technologies are being implemented for the LOOW site, to include bioremediation of TNT and PCBs.



The general areas to be investigated have been designated as Components (Figure 1-2), as follows:

- Component I CWM
- Component 2 Somerset Group
- Component 3 Town of Lewiston
- Component 4 Town of Porter
- Component 5 Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS)
- Component 6 Modern Disposal
- Component 7 Former LOOW Underground Lines
- Component 8 Former AFP-68 Underground Lines
- Component 9 Surface Water Drainage on the Former LOOW