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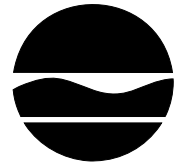
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RE: Final Site Inspection Report for the Lewiston-Porter Central School District at the Former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW), Niagara County New York (March 2011)  
And The Site Inspection of the Lewiston-Porter Central School District Property Former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW), Niagara County New York (May 2011)



The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the "Department") has received and reviewed the above-referenced documents which contained the results from field investigations conducted on the Lewiston-Porter School property in August 2010. These two (2) investigations and respective documents were produced under the Formerly Utilized Defense Sites (FUDS) and Formerly Used Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). As you know these were established to further assess potential impacts from past Federal government activities. Areas of investigation included: the Southwest Drainage Ditch and ten (10) surface anomalies noted on historical aerial photography. The investigation was in response to questions raised by school officials on previous environmental studies.

Upon review, the Department offers the following comments:

Site Inspection Report (FUDS) for Lewiston-Porter School Central School District: The investigation and associated sampling were sufficiently comprehensive to address data gaps identified during review of previous investigations. Sampling procedures and analytical protocols follow acceptable practices. In addition, the analytical data presented in the reports do not indicate the presence of elevated levels of contamination in collected samples. (Polyaromatic hydrocarbons detected at southwest drainage ditch location SWDD-03 appear to be derived from asphaltic material, not necessarily associated with past Federal government activities).

Site Inspection Report (FUSRAP) for Lewiston-Porter School Property: Sample collection and analytical procedures followed acceptable practices. Review of analytical results for the southwest drainage ditch does not indicate the presence of radionuclides at levels of concern. Elevated radiation readings from samples collected from the mounded material appear to be related to the rock material in the mound. Analysis of the rocks indicates the elevated radionuclide content is natural in origin.



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If you have any questions on this matter, please contact me.

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