

Former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Restoration Advisory Board

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Sen. Charles H. Schumer
Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton
Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter

RE: FY '05 Funding for Army Corps of Engineers' FUSRAP Program at the LOOW

Dear Federal Delegation Members:

Under-funding of the USACE FUSRAP Program in the FY 2005 Budget has delayed important components of the FUSRAP Remedial Investigation Report for the Niagara Falls Storage Site ("NFSS") located at the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site. The NFSS "temporary" storage cell contains some of the most dangerous radioactive waste in the United States, and is located a mile from Lewiston and Porter public schools, about two miles from the Niagara River, and less than 3 miles from Lake Ontario.

The Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Restoration Advisory Board, an inclusive group of concerned citizens and public and private stakeholders request your help in restoring FY 2005 funding. Adequate funding is critical to completing important components of the Remedial Investigation Report (RIR) including 1) the Risk Assessment, 2) Modeling and Transport, and 3) the Failure Scenario reports.

If the NFSS containment cell has or will encounter problems, the remedies may be far more expensive and dangerous to address in the absence of a complete RIR. We understand that other FUSRAP properties undergoing active remediation are a priority and we do not want to see reductions in funding for active sites, such as Linde in Tonawanda, in order to fund NFSS investigation needs. Our plea is for additional FY 2005 funding for the NFSS RIR.

We are unanimous in the view that the RIR for the disposition the NFSS cell contents needs to proceed immediately.

If you have any questions regarding the specific funding required to meet FY'05 RIR needs, please contact Judith Leithner, FUSRAP Project Manager for the NFSS at (716) 879-4234. If you have any questions regarding the RAB, please contact me at (716) 286-8092.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Steering Committee Chair

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