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Lieutenant Colonel John S. Hurley
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Dear Lieutenant Colonel Hurley,

I am aware of your recently proposed plan to establish a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for projects at the former Lake Ontario Ordinance Works (LOOW) site located in the towns of Lewiston and Porter, and your request for public comment on such action. On behalf of Niagara University, please know that I oppose the dissolution of the existing RAB in favor of appointing a new entity.

For the last five years, the existing RAB has represented community interests and concerns about the environmental restoration efforts at the LOOW site, and has served an important liaison role between governmental officials and residents of the affected area. The continued exploration of these issues and open dialogue among all parties can occur best when the composition of the RAB includes a diversity of opinions and perspectives. I fear that efforts to appoint a new RAB, composed of appointees made by the Army Corps of Engineers, will thwart the free and independent voice of the community. I urge you to abandon efforts to establish a new RAB and to utilize the current structure that is working to represent the welfare of our community.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Levesque, CM
President