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Ms. Arleen Kreusch
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Dear Ms. Kreusch:

In regard to Lieutenant Colonel John S. Hurley's correspondence of April 1st, I would like to offer the following response:

As the chief public health official for Niagara County, I firmly believe that sharing information, educating the public and encouraging an open dialogue with the people we serve is an essential responsibility we share. I have consistently supported the following statements:

- There is an existing RAB that I recognize and support.
- At this time I do not support steps to form a new RAB to replace the existing RAB.
- I support the RAB request for a facilitator to resolve open issues.
- I support continued access to information, dialogue and input with project technical staff throughout 2008 for Corps activities at the LOOW.

The flow of information through constructive dialogue with mutual respect is critical. I appreciate your consideration of my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Stapleton
Public Health Director