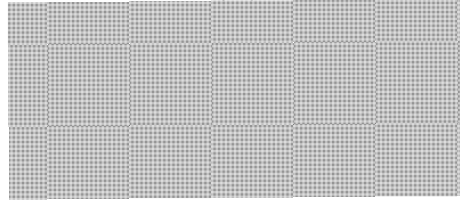


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Dear Ms. Kreusch,

This response is related to the recent letter I received (dated 7/2/2008) from Colonel John Hurley, District Commander of the US Corps of Engineers.

Based on my training as a Ph.D. in nuclear physics, and as a resident of Youngstown, NY, I completely agree with **Criteria (4)** as stated by Colonel Hurley. With the exception of a small activist group, this community will be at ease and well served if the "Corps engage a diverse audience of individuals and existing community groups" on some routine basis.

There is no need for a formal Residential Advisory Board since the task at the Lake Ontario Ordnance Work site is one of monitoring and maintenance. Certainly to my knowledge, no overt or externally impacting operations are contemplated.

I have no formal suggestions, but please permit me to state a few informal thoughts. Activists play on and attempt to develop extreme fear of radiation, i.e. "there are hundreds of pounds of radium within ten miles of your home". I therefore suggest that monitoring activities be a routine, but not over-emphasized aspect of each report. I suggest, without any deep thought or precise knowledge, that some common reference framework be used in Corps public meetings. As one possible example I have understood for years in conversations with Len Pepkowitz (deceased)) that helicopter surveys of this area routinely showed radiation maxima over cemeteries (granite gravestones) rather than anywhere else. This may not be the best comparison, but if some "common" comparison could be chosen for the average person, it might reduce the effectiveness of an activist group.

Sincerely,

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