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July 8, 2010

To:

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Department of the Army
Buffalo District, Corps of Engineers
1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207-3199

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of June 30, 2010. Please note my recent change of address and telephone number.

I agree completely with the Corps decision not to establish an official DoD RAB at this time. The survey and remediation program for the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site are technical, engineering programs that would not be advanced by input from local citizens and self proclaimed independent experts. There is also no need for a local "technical facilitator" to improve dialogue on "the complex scientific issues at these sites". Corps and EPA experts are quite capable of explaining what the project accomplishes and plans without some intermediate "expert translator".

The Corps should be congratulated on the results of its last public meeting at the Lewiston Senior Center. This is the first time that I have seen the Corps actions at the meeting fully reported in the local Sentinel with any degree of fairness and accuracy. The result was locally effective. Whatever the actual procedure that evening, I hope that it be continued.

This peculiarly interested and financed "local" citizens group arranged for [REDACTED] to be flown in for the meeting (I believe from Minnesota). This was one part of several other preparations. Their disappointment was quite obvious.

Sincerely,

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