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Lieutenant Colonel
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Re: Objection to Disposal of Radioactive Residues or Wastes at the Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS)

Dear District Commander

This letter is in response to the Army Corps of Engineers "Waste Disposal Options" for radioactive material which was outlined at the September 28, 2011 public workshop.

At this public workshop, a radioactive waste "disposal" facility was included in two of the three options being considered by the Army Corps. The Village Board of Lewiston would like to make perfectly clear that we support the third alternative: removal of all radioactive residues and wastes from NFSS. We also strongly object to a permanent "disposal" or extended temporary storage of radioactive waste or residues at the NFSS.

The Corps also announced at this workshop, "We learned that K-65 can be removed safely." With that thought in mind, we strongly urge the federal government to safely remove all of the radioactive residues and wastes from the Niagara Falls Storage Site as soon as possible. The interim waste containment structure (IWCS) at the NFSS was constructed in the 1940's and we are very concerned with the soundness of this structure.

In addition, when clean up is commenced the only acceptable standard we would consider is for "unrestricted use". It is time to clean up this area and let our community get on with life without further threat of future contamination.

xc: Senator George Maziarz

Assemblyman John Ceretto

US Senator Charles Schumer

US Senator Kristen Gillibrand

Congresswoman Louise Slaughter

NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation Commissioner,

NYS Dept of Health Commissioner,

NYS Attorney General

US EPA Region 2 Director,
Niagara County Dept of Health Director