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Lieutenant Colonel  
District Commander  
Buffalo District  
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers  
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Dear Lt. [REDACTED]:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan, Interim Waste Containment Structure (IWCS) Operable Unit, Niagara Falls Storage Site. The EPA concurs on the Proposed Option, Alternative 4, which is excavation, treatment and off-site disposal of the entire contents of the IWCS. The EPA is pleased with the preferred alternative and note that the Proposed Plan cited our guidance on the need for off-site disposal at an appropriate facility for the high activity residues and wastes contained in the ICWS.

We understand that the Corps will need to secure additional multi-year funding to complete this project and so construction will not begin for a number of years. The proposed alternative includes a significant amount of truck traffic as well as other potential environmental impacts at the local level. At the appropriate time in your contracting process, the EPA would be happy to consult with your office on current recommendations for environmentally sustainable technologies in project design, construction and operation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and thank you for your continued work in helping to improve the environment in the Buffalo area. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact Ariel Iglesias, Acting Director of the Clean Air and Sustainability Division at (212) 627-3315 or [REDACTED]@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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cc: [REDACTED], PMP Chief Special Projects Branch