

## **News Release**

FORMERLY UTILIZED SITES REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAM

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## INFORMATION SESSION TO BE HELD

LEWISTON -- The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District will be holding an Information Session for the former Lake Ontario Ordnance site and the Niagara Falls Storage Site on Tuesday, March 2, 1999. The session will be held at the Lewiston Senior Center located on 4361 Lower River Road in Youngstown, New York from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Representatives of the Corps will be discussing the ongoing remedial investigation including the results of Phase 1 activities, and the establishment of a Restoration Advisory Board for the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works site. A status update will be provided for the Niagara Falls Storage Site.

The former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works site is a 7,500-acre parcel located within the townships of Lewiston and Porter in Niagara County. The site was used in the early 1940's by the war department for production and storage of trinitrotoluene (TNT). The Corps is investigating environmental contamination caused by Department of Defense activities under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites.

The Niagara Falls Storage Site is a 191-acre site located on Pletcher Road in Lewiston. The site was used by the Manhattan Engineer District for storing radioactive residues and wastes from uranium ore processing conducted during the development of the atomic bomb. The site currently has a 10-acre engineered storage cell that provides long-term storage of these radioactive residues, soils, and rubble. The Corps is investigating environmental contamination caused by the Manhattan Engineer District activities under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program.

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