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## ARMY CORPS ANNOUNCES SELECTION OF LAKE ONTARIO ORDNANCE WORKS RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD

LEWISTON -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced today the selected membership of the Restoration Advisory Board for the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site, located in Niagara County, N.Y.

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"Establishing this advisory board ensures the exchange of information between the community and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding remediation at the site," said Ray Pilon, Project Manager. The public is invited to attend the Restoration Advisory Board meetings. The first meeting is scheduled to be held June 29, 1999 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Lewiston-Porter Central School Boardroom.

"The diverse membership of the board will bring the community's concerns, values, and needs to the forefront at these meetings," Ray Pilon said. The twenty-three members represent a cross section of government agencies, site landowners, regulatory agencies, elected officials, the Tuscarora Indian Nation, residents, local civic groups, and business and union interests.

Members of the RAB include:

- Stephen M. Yaksich, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;
- Michael Basile, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency;
- Kent Johnson, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation;
- Bruce Mero, U.S. Air Force;
- Rebecca Zayatz, Chemical Waste Management;
- Gary Smith, Modern Landfill;
- Paul Dicky, Niagara County Health Department;
- Charles Lamb, Town of Porter;
- Darwin James Langlois, Town of Lewiston;
- Walter Polka, Lewiston-Porter School Superintendent;
- Nils Olson, University at Buffalo and a member of the Lewiston-Porter School Board;
- Neil Patterson, Jr., Tuscarora Indian Nation;
- John Syms, Somerset Group;

- Lawrence Brennan, Resident;
- Daniel Serianni, Jr., Resident;
- Thomas Freck, Resident;
- Theresa Mudd, Resident;
- Martin Hodgins, Resident;
- Edward Lilly, Lewiston Civic Association and School Board;
- Timothy Henderson, Residents Organized for Lewiston's Environment;
- Nona McQuay, Residents Organized for Lewiston's Environment;
- William Roger Angus, Greater Lewiston Business Professional Association; and
- Clyde Johnston, Jr., International Union of Operating Eng. Local 463.

Selections for membership were made jointly by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and an independent selection panel comprised of representatives of elected officials, environmental interests and the community. The Restoration Advisory Board will be responsible for regularly reviewing progress and participating in dialogue with decision-makers about restoration efforts at the site.

The 7,500-acre site was used in the early 1940s by the War Department for production and storage of trinitrotoluene (TNT). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is investigating and cleaning up environmental contamination caused by Department of Defense activities under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS).



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