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Volunteer Chair Position Open -Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Restoration Advisory Board

The Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is a community-based group that works with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to help identify and meet the information needs of the community concerning federal cleanup activities of chemical and radiological contamination on select portions of the 2,500-acre LOOW site, to include the Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS,) located in the Towns of Lewiston and Porter, NY. In 2005-2006, the Army Corps is expected to complete major chemical and radiological investigations and risk assessments, and to determine the feasibility of relocating the contents of a temporary radioactive storage cell to safer permanent storage, elsewhere in the U.S.

The RAB is recruiting to fill the position of Chair for this community and inter-agency group. Primary responsibilities: Chair of the RAB Steering Committee and participation in the meetings of the two RAB technical committees (of a total six) is anticipated.

RAB Chair objectives, in collaboration with the RAB Vice Chair, Committees Chairs and the Army Corps, are: 1) establish the agenda for Steering Committee meetings, 2) review agendas of six Standing Committees to help ensure that all RAB member stakeholders are informed of key Army Corps results, activities, and plans, 3) help ensure all stakeholders have an equal opportunity to comment on those results, activities and plans, 4) help ensure that varied views and constituencies of the community are represented, 5) help ensure that Army Corps activities and plans are transparent to the community at large.

This is a volunteer position. The time commitment is estimated at 2-3 hours per week, on average, and the term is 24 months.

The RAB Chair candidate should possess strong organizational management skills and objectivity in welcoming different points of view. Some technical background (ex. chemistry or engineering or health physics) is encouraged. To obtain more information, interested candidates should contact Mr. Bill Choboy, the Membership Committee Chairperson at (716) 745-7790 or by email at billc313@yahoo.com. Responses should be submitted by November 15, 2004. The RAB Steering Committee will review and recommend candidates for election by RAB members.

Army Corps Fact Sheets on selected LOOW and NFSS activities can be found on the Internet at http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/derpfuds/index.htm.