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BUFFALO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1776 NIAGARA STREET
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Executive Office

SUBJECT: Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program Niagara Falls Storage Site –
2013 Environmental Surveillance Technical Memorandum

Chief Leo Henry
Tuscarora Nation

[REDACTED]
Lewiston, NY 14092

Dear Chief Henry:

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Honorable Chris Collins
Representative in Congress
1117 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

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Honorable Charles Schumer
United States Senator
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Honorable Kirstsen Gillibrand
United States Senator
478 Russell
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Gillibrand:

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Governor of the State of New York
Executive Chamber
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

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New York State Senator
175 Walnut Street, Suite 6
Lockport, NY 14094

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Honorable John D. Ceretto
New York State Assemblyman
1700 Pine Avenue
Niagara Falls, Ny 14301

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Honorable Jane Corwin
NYS Assembly
8180 Main Street
Clarence, NY 14221

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Niagara County Legislature
6761 Walmore Road
Niagara falls, NY 14304

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Honorable Merton Wiepert, Supervisor
Town of Porter
3265 Creek Road
Youngstown, NY 14174

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SUBJECT: Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program Niagara Falls Storage Site –
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Honorable Dennis Brochey, Supervisor
Town of Lewiston
1375 Ridge Road
Lewiston, NY 14092

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240 Lockport Street
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