

News from the Corps

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Hello from the Buffalo District of the US Army Corps of Engineers:

It is important that we hear from you! If you would like your comments to be considered in the development of the Corps Public Involvement Program for the Corps projects at the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) Site, please contact us before October 5. This plan will detail the public involvement activities to be funded and supported by the Corps in the 2009-2010 timeframe.

Write or email to let us know what your concerns are, how you want to be involved in the decision-making process for the site, how often you want to hear from us and what mechanism you would like us to use to provide you with information. You may call (716) 879-4438 to be interviewed, send an e-mail to derpfuds@usace.army.mil or mail a letter to the Corps' Buffalo District, Attention: Special Projects Outreach, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207.

The Corps remains committed to investigating and remediating the former LOOW Site as expeditiously as possible. We balance the engineering demands of the project with the need to support public involvement activities. All of these needs compete for limited project funding and staff time – we want to ensure we provide the right balance and support the most productive and effective activities, ensuring we keep the projects moving forward, keeping you informed of our activities and involving you. We will take action to respond to public comments whenever possible.

We recently posted the work plans for the LOOW underground storage tank removal project on the former LOOW Site are now posted to website at:
<http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/derpfuds/loow/index.htm#Documents>

Our third quarter release of 2008 Niagara Falls Storage Site Environmental Surveillance data consisting of:

- well water level measurements (depth to water) Quarters 1, 2 and 3; and
- external gamma radiation dose rates and radon gas concentrations for the time period of 12/18/2007 – 07/01/2008

is now available on the web at:

<http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap/nfss/index.htm#Documents>

It is important that you receive accurate information. Visit the “Beyond the Headlines” section of our website at: <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/derpfuds/loow-nfss/index.htm#News> to review our latest corrections and clarifications on errors or omissions in media reports.

We look forward to receiving your input for the former LOOW Site Public Involvement Plan.