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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

Environmental Division

Honorable John J. LaFalce  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-3220

Dear Mr. LaFalce:

This is in response to your March 26, 2001, letter to Lieutenant General Robert Flowers concerning U.S. Army Corps of Engineers activities at the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW), Niagara County, New York under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS) Program.

We share your concern regarding the pace of cleanup efforts at Lake Ontario Ordnance Works and other DERP-FUDS properties throughout the nation. As you are aware, the DERP-FUDS Program is significantly challenged with increasing cleanup needs and stakeholder expectations while funding levels have remained basically constant. In spite of these constraints, we are fully committed to identifying the extent of Department of Defense contamination at this property and completing cleanup in the most expeditious manner based on risk to human health and the environment and funding availability.

Final LOOW funding allocation for Fiscal Year 2002 is not expected to be available until sometime in August 2001 due to the uncertainty over the level of DERP-FUDS funding anticipated to be provided by Congress for next fiscal year. We will, however, continue to give the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works high consideration when prioritizing cleanup activities.

I have asked the New York District to keep your office informed on the status of cleanup activities and future funding projections for LOOW, as they become available. The Project Manager for LOOW is Ms. Mary Kay Foley, (716) 879-4417.

Sincerely,

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