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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Environmental Branch

APR 10 2001

SUBJECT: Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site Restoration Advisory Board Request for Technical Assistance

Mr. William Librizzi, Director
Technology Applications Community Outreach
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Dear Mr. Librizzi:

I am enclosing the fact sheets that you requested in your telephone conversation Friday, April 06, 2001, with Arleen Kreuzsch of our Public Affairs Department. The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site that is being investigated under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites has requested an independent technical advisor that can explain chemical and radiological Corps documents to them in non-technical terms. I am requesting that you review the information provided to determine whether it would be possible for you to provide this assistance under the Technical Outreach Services to Communities program.

The RAB is just finishing its second year of operation and is made up of members from the communities of Lewiston and Youngstown and the property owners for the areas that are being investigated. A sub-site of the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site is the Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS) which is being investigated under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program. NFSS has a Waste Containment Structure that contains 250,000 cubic yards of material that became contaminated during our Nation's early atomic energy program with low levels of residual radioactivity. The Corps presents information for both sites at the quarterly RAB meetings.

Both sites are very complex and the communities would benefit greatly from the assistance of a technical advisor. The Buffalo District Web Site contains additional information on both sites at <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil>.

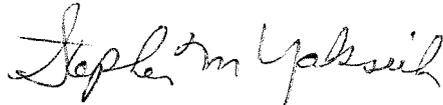
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The next RAB meeting will be held June 13 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. If you review the information I have provided and feel that the Technical Outreach Services to Communities program could provide assistance to the Lewiston and Youngstown communities through the RAB, we would appreciate it if you could attend this meeting and give a brief presentation regarding your program.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to call Arleen Kreuzsch at (7 16) 879-4438.

Sincerely,



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Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Sites
Restoration Advisory Board

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FACT SHEET

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Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites

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1-800-833-6390

Your call will be returned promptly.

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Buffalo District Home Page Address:
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Please let us know if you would like to be included on our mailing list for the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works site.

•The Department of Defense is committed to correcting environmental damage caused by its activities. The Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) is the vehicle to accomplish this. The cleanup of Formerly Used Defense Sites is a part of this program (DERP-FUDS).

*Formerly Used Defense Sites are properties that the Department of Defense once owned or used, but no longer controls. These properties can range from privately owned farms to National parks, residential areas, schools, colleges, and industrial areas.

•The DERP-FUDS program includes former Army, Navy, Air Force, or other defense agencies' properties.

*The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the manager for the DERP-FUDS program.

The Defense Environmental Restoration Program was established by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, and the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986. This legislation provides the authority for certain cleanup activities at former Defense sites in the United States and its territories.

The goals of FUDS cleanup are:

- Identification, investigation and cleanup of contamination from Department of Defense related hazardous substances;
- Detection and disposal of unexploded ordnance; and
- Demolition and removal of unsafe buildings, and structures, located on formerly owned Defense properties that are currently owned by a state or municipality.