



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

BUFFALO DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1776 NIAGARA STREET
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14207-3199

SEP 7 2000

Executive Office

SUBJECT: Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site

Ms. Carol Stein
USEPA, Region II
290 Broadway
22nd Floor
New York, NY 10007-1 866

Dear Ms. Stein:

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for a proposed Interim Removal Action associated with a drum trench and trash pit at the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site. The drum trench and trash pit are located on Chemical Waste Management property, 1550 Balmer Road, Lewiston, New York.

The former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site is a 7,500-acre parcel located within the townships of Lewiston and Porter, Niagara County, New York. The site was used in the early 1940's by the Federal government for production and storage of trinitrotoluene (TNT). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is addressing environmental contamination at the site caused by Department of Defense activities under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites.

Five alternatives were considered for this project. The preferred alternative has been determined to be protective of human health and the environment, and is believed to provide the best balance among the alternatives evaluated. The preferred alternative includes excavation of drums, containers and debris from the drum trench and trash pit, and disposal of excavated materials at legally permitted treatment, storage or disposal facilities.

The Administrative Record File for the former LOOW Site has been established and is also available for comment in the Lewiston Public Library, 305 South Eighth Street, Lewiston, New York; the Youngstown Free Library, 240 Lockport Street, Youngstown, New York; and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Information Center. The Administrative Record File includes the EE/CA and provides the public with access to site-related information that was used to develop the preferred alternative.

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The public comment period for the EE/CA and the Administrative Record File is from September 11, 2000 to October 10, 2000. A public meeting will be held upon timely request. Written comments will be accepted if postmarked by October 10, 2000, and should be sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Public Information Center, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14207-3 199.

If you require any additional information regarding the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site, please call me at (716) 879-4200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen R. DeWillie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Glen R. DeWillie
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
Commanding

Enclosure