

JOHN J. LaFALCE
2010 STREET, NEW YORK

RAYBURN BUILDING
WASHINGTON DC 20515-2222
(202) 225-3221

www.house.gov/lafalce

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3229

December 3, 1999

LtG. Joe N. Ballard
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
20 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Room 8228
Washington, D.C. 20314-1000

Dear LtG. Ballard:

I am writing in response to a letter I received from the Corps of Engineers Buffalo District advising me that FY 1999 Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS) funds have been diverted from the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) site to other projects.

As you may know, the LOOW is located within my congressional district in the Towns of Lewiston and Porter in Niagara County, New York. The Department of Defense (DoD) manufactured TNT during World War II and high-energy fuel during the late 1950's at the site. TNT, asbestos, and various organic compounds are among the contaminants identified at LOOW, and several areas of the site still require further investigation. Current owners of the LOOW include a school district, several private corporations, and federal state, and local governments.

A comprehensive, site-wide Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study of the site was initiated in 1997, and was scheduled to be completed in 2001. Ultimately, several removal actions will be necessary to remediate the site. The diverted funds were needed to conduct remedial investigations and remedial design activities, and I fear an undue delay in work at the site as a result. Therefore, I strongly urge you to restore funding to the LOOW and move forward with this critically important remediation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



JOHN J. LaFALCE
Member of Congress

L:ar

Pilon, Raymond L LRB

From: Calisi, Silvio A NAN02
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 1999 3:05 PM
To: Spann-LaBato, Luz O NAN02
Cc: Pilon, Raymond L LRB; Brouwer, David J NAN02
Subject: FW: LOOW

Luz, Can you please re-FAX letter again.

Ray, When you get letter, prepare draft response for both me and Dave's review. Thanks - Silvio

-----Original Message-----

From: **Pilon, Raymond L LRB**
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 1999 2:12 PM
To: Calisi, Silvio A NAN02
Subject: LOOW

Silvio:

I received a call this morning identifying you have a letter from Congressman LaFalce.

I requested a copy be faxed to me at (716) 879-4195.

I have not received it yet. Please verify be phone number.
Thanks.

Ray Pilon