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DERP and Special Support Section
Toxic and Hazardous Waste
Management Branch

Subject: Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for Former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works, Lewiston/Porter, New York

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Dear Mr. Syms:

As you are aware, the Kansas City District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has initiated a RI/FS for the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works. This project is being undertaken under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP), which was initially authorized by Congress in Public Law 98-212.

The initial phase of field investigations at the former ordnance works is currently underway. Areas being studied were selected based on the best available historic information which indicated potential areas where contamination resulting from past Department of Defense (DOD) activities might be found. Because it is our intention to study the entire former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works property, we are in the process of selecting additional potentially contaminated areas that should be investigated under DERP. In this regard, we would like to visit your property and inspect the areas of former DOD operations. As Mr. Lee Fuerst of my staff indicated in a recent telephone conversation with you, we would like to tour your property the morning of July 28. If your plans should change and you will be unavailable on this date, please contact Mr. Fuerst and we will make alternative arrangements.