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Toxic and Hazardous Waste
Management Branch

SUBJECT: Technical Review Committee (TRC) Relating to
Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for
Former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works, Lewiston/Porter, New
York

Mr. Ronald J. Johnston
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Dear Mr. Johnston:

Reference is made to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) and the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) which describe the responsibilities of the Department of Defense (DOD) relating to implementation of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP). The law specifically requires the DOD to establish a TRC for environmental restoration projects "whenever possible and practical."

As you know, the Corps of Engineers is currently conducting a RI/FS at the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works. Though all of our project related activities to date have been coordinated with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), we believe it is appropriate to establish a TRC for the project. An important purpose of the TRC would be to review and comment on the proposed actions resulting from the RI/FS. The committee would include representatives from the Corps of Engineers, EPA, DEC, and the local community. The DEC suggested that I contact you to determine your interest in representing the local community as a member of the TRC. It is anticipated that the TRC would meet three or four times a year in the vicinity of the project site, and that the initial TRC meeting would likely be held in early 1989.

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We cordially invite you to participate on the TRC. Please indicate to us, at your earliest convenience, whether you would be willing to serve on the committee. If you are not interested in participating, your recommendation of another local community representative that we could contact would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Mr. Lee Fuerst of my staff at (816)426-2604. Thank you for your assistance in helping us formulate the technical review committee.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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