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16 September 1997

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 Baltimore District
 City **Crescent Building**
PO Box 1715
Baltimore, MD 21203-1715

Attn: Ms. Justine Wesley

RE: Update of Records Review for the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works

Dear Ms. Wesley:

This letter report provides a summary of the findings from the records review performed for the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works to date. A variety of federal, New York State, and Niagara County government agencies, as well as private parties, have been contacted over the past three months in order to obtain information associated with the aforementioned site. In most cases, these agencies and companies were contacted via the telephone and a follow-up **freedom** of information act (foia) letter or **fax** (see attached letter for an example: note: this was not an official foia request) was sent to provide supplemental information for their **data/information** search. At present, information **from** these agencies/companies is being sent directly to EA or being obtained during visits by EA personnel. There are about two dozen or so contacts which are still in the midst of their data search and EA expects to be receiving their information by the end of this month. In addition, the current review/research of historical documents may lead to other contacts not specified on this list and these sources will be contacted in the future. Sources of information that have been contacted or visited by EA personnel to date are as follows:

Federal Government	Type of Contact			Date of Contact
	Telephone (T)	Letter (L)	Visit (V)	
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Baltimore District City Crescent Building PO Box 1715 Baltimore, MD 21203-1715 Contact Ms. Justine Wesley (410) 962-6734	X		X	ongoing Communication (T) 26 August 1997 (V)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers -New York District Real Estate Division 26 Federal Plaza New York, NY 10278 Contact: Mr. Gordon Orloow (212) 264-6238	X		X	26 August 1997 (T) 17 September 1997 (V)

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Hazardous, Toxic and Radiological Waste Division East Brunswick, NJ Contact: Mr. Dave Brouer (908) 435-0079	X			25 August 1997 (T)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region II 290 Broadway New York, NY 10007-1866 (212) 637-3000	X	X	X	1 August 1997 (T) (L) 16 September 1997 (V)
Library of Congress Geography and Maps Division Washington, DC (202) 707-6277 http://lcweb.loc.gov	X	X		6 August 1997 (T) (L) Note: 25 August 1997 examined http site
National Archives and Records Administration College Park Military Reference Branch 360 1 Adelphi Road College Park, MD 27040-600 1 (301) 713-7250 Contact: Mr. Ken Schlessinger	X	X	x: Initial Visit	21 July 1997 (T) 20 May 1997 (L) 28 May 1997 (V) 28 August 1997 (T)
Legislative Reference Branch Washington, DC Contact: Ms. Katherine Collado (202) 501-5350 fax: (201) 219-2176	X			26 August 1997 (T)
Cartographic and Architectural Records Research Room 360 1 Adelphi Road College Park, MD 20740 Contact: Mr. Bob Richardson (301) 713-7040			X	28 May 1997 (V)
Still Pictures Branch 360 1 Adelphi Road College Park, MD 20740 Contact: Ms. Mary Illario (301) 7136625 ext. 237	X	X		6 August 1997 (T) (L) 3 September 1997; (T)(L)
National Archives and Records Administration National Archives Mid-Atlantic Region 9 th & Market Streets Philadelphia, PA 19 107 Contact: Ms. Kellee Blake (215) 597-0921		X	X	25 July 1997 (L) August 1997 (V)
National Archives Northeast Region 201 Varick Street New York, NY 10014 Contact: Ms. Carole Savo or Mr. John Celardo (212) 337-1300 fax: (212) 337-1306	X	X	X	5 August 1997 (T) (L) 17 September 1997 (V)
Washington National Records Center Suitland, MD Contact: Ms. Velica Chance (301) 457-7010	X			6 August 1997 (T)
National Personnel Record Center St Louis, MI Contact: Mr. William Siebert (314) 538-4216 fax: (314) 538-4139	X	X		25 August 1997 (T) (L)

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National Cartography Center P.O. Box 6567 Ft. Worth, TX 76115 Contact: Mr. Vick McWilliams (17) 334-5292	X			28 August 1997 (T)
U.S. Department of Agriculture Farmers Service Agency Salt Lake City-, UT 84119 Contact: Ms. Linda Carter (810) 975-3503 fax: (801) 975-3532	X	X		25 August 1997 (T) 26 August 1997 (L)
Consolidated Farm Services • USDA 1487 Lake Ave, Rt 78 North Lockport, NY (716) 433-6703 fax: (716) 433-1707	X			11 September 1997 (T)
National Agricultural Library 10301 Baltimore Boulevard Beltsville, MD 20705 Contact: Ms. Ellen Nollman (301) 504-6432	X			25 August 1997 (T)
U.S. Geological Survey Earth Science Information Center Geologic Division 1220 1 Sunrise Valley Drive Reston, VA 22092 Contact: Mr. Bob Rider (703) 648-6492	X			6 August 1997 (T)
U.S. Geological Survey Water Resources Division 425 Jordon Road Troy, NY 12180 Contact: Mr. Ron Allen (518) 285-5602	X			6 August 1997 (T)
U.S. Geological Survey Earth Science Information Center Map Division 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive Reston, VA 22092 Contact: Mr. Bob Johnson (703) 648-4584	X	X		21 August 1997 (L) (T) 26 August 1997 (L) (T)
U.S. Geological Survey Photographic Library MS 9 14, Box 25046 Federal Center Denver, CO 80225-0046 Contact: Mr. Joe McGregor (303) 236-1010	X			27 August 1997 (T) 3 September 1997 (T)
U.S. Geological Survey Branch of Information Services Denver, CO (303) 202-4212	X			2 September 1997 (T)
General Services Administration Records Office Washington, DC Contact: Mr. John Martin (202) 501-4671 fax: (202) 501-2520	X	X		6 August 1997 (T) 8 August 1997 (L)

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General Services Administration Real Estate - Region II New York Contact: Mr. Robert Martin (212) 264-2000 fax: (212) 264-3998	X	X		6 August 1997 (T) (L)
Judge Advocate General's Office Contract Appeals Division 2200 Army Pentagon Washington, DC 203 10-2200 Contact: Mr. James Decker (703) 693-4071	X			25 August 1997 (T)
U.S. Navy Historical Center Navy Library Washington Navy Yard Washington, DC 20374 Contact: Mr. Davis Elliot (202) 433-4132 http://navy.library.net	X			9 September 1997 (T) Note: 10 September 1997 examined http site
U.S. Navy Historical Center Operational Archive Department Washington Navy Yard Washington, DC 20374 Contact: Mr. Mike Walker (202) 433-3224 fax: (202) 433-2833	X	X		9 September 1997 (T) (L)
Boiling Air Force Base Air Force Historian Contact: Ms. Kincade (202) 404-2266	X			2 September 1997 (T)
Air National Guard Division of Military and Naval Affairs 330 Old Niskayuna Rd. Latham, NY 12110 Contact: Mr. Bill Knox (5 18) 876-4495	X			15 August 1997 (T) 19 September 1997 (V)
U.S. Army Military Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment Atlanta, GE Contact: Sgt. Class Spence	X	X		9 September 1997 (T) (L)
U.S. Army Center for Military History Washington, DC Contact: Mr. Steve Gamens (202) 76 1-5420	X			28 August 1997 (T)
U.S. Army Military History Institute Bldg 22, Ashburn Drive Carlisle Barracks, PA 170 13 Contact: Mr. Rich Baker (717) 245-3611	X	X		5 August 1997 (T) (L)
Ordnance Museum Aberdeen, MD Contact: Mr. Roger Godin (410) 278-3602	X			26 August 1997 (T)
Ft. Lee Ordnance Historian Ft. Lee, VA Contact: Dr. Sterling (804) 734-0082	X			27 August 1997 (T)

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Rome Research Facility Contact: Mr. George Edwards (3 15) 330-5281	X			23 July 1997 (T)
Rome Research Facility Contact: Mr. Bill Young (315) 330-5281	X			27 August 1997 (T)
Charles E Kelly Support Facility Contact: Mr. Steve Lenney (412) 693-1932	X			19 August 1997 (T – still trying to contact)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Air Force Material Commands Contact: Mr. Wayne Ratliff (937) 257-7053	X			23 July 1997 (T)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Air Force Material Commands Contact: Mr. Dave Lawrence (937) 257-7053	X			11 August 1997 (T)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Air Force Material Commands Contact: Ms. Judy Charles (937) 255-7716 ext 343	X	X		13 August 1997 (T) 15 August 1997 (L)
U.S. Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Contact: Dr. Barry Berven or Ms. Carol Johnson (423) 574-5174	X			August 1997
U.S. Department of Energy Public Information Site Tonawanda, NY Contact: Ms. Arleen Kreuzsch (716) 871-9690 fax: (716) 871-1192 http://www.fusrap.doc.gov	X			28 August 1997 (T) Note: August 1997 examined http site
U.S. Department of Energy DOE Site Manager of NFSS – Active Site Team Leader for FUSRAP Group PO Box 2000 1 Oak Ridge, TN 3783 1-8723 Contact: Mr. Ron Kirk (423) 576-7477				Not contacted to date
Board on Radioactive Waste Management 2 10 1 Constitution Ave, NW HA 456 Washington, DC 204 18 http://www2/mas.edu/brwm/215a.html	X			Note: August 1997 examined http site 13 August 1997 (T)
U.S. Department of Labor Washington, DC Contact: Mr. Stan Burger (202) 219-5468	X	X		16 September 1997 (T) (L)
New York State Health Department Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigations Albany, NY 12203-3399 Contact: Ms. Dawn Hettrick (518) 458-6309 fax: (518) 458-6372	X	X	X	1 August 1997 (T) (L) 19 September 1997 (V)

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NYDEC Contact: Mr. Dan King (716) 851-7220 fax: (716) 851-7226	X	X		5 August 1997 (T) (L)
NYDEC RCRA Corrective Action Program Contact: Mr. Stan Radon (716) 851-7220	X			2 September 1997 (T)
NYDEC RCRA Corrective Action Program Contact: Mr. Bijon Rostami (716) 851-7220				Not contacted to date
NYDEC Hazardous Waste Unit Bldg 40, SUNY Stony Brook, NY 11790 Contact: Mr. Bob Stewart (516) 444-0244	X	X		1 August 1997 (T) (L)
NYDEC Albany Office 50 Wolf Road Albany, NY 12233-7252 Contact: Mr. Kent Johnson (518) 457-9253 fax: (518) 457-9240	X			22 August 1997 (T)
NYDEC • Region 9 Hazardous and Solid Materials Unit 270 Michigan Ave Contact: Mr. Jim Strickland Buffalo, NY 14203-2999 (716) 851-7220 fax: (716) 851-7226	X	X		28 August 1997 (T) (L)
New York Department of Transportation Map Information unit State Campus, Bldg. 4 Albany, NY 12232-0415 (518) 4576195 fax: (518) 485-1820	X			28 August 1997 (T) 4 September 1997 (T)
New York State Assembly 1700 Pine Ave. Niagara Falls, NY 1430 1 Contact: Mr. Joseph Pillittere (716) 282-6062	X			15 August 1997 (T)
State University of New York (SUNY) -- Buffalo Lockwood Library Archive Department Contact: Mr. Chris Densmore (716) 645-2916 fax: (716) 645-3714	X	X	X	7 August 1997 (T) (L) 14 & 15 August 1997 (V)
Cornell University Olin Crock Library (607) 255-4144	X			11 September 1997 (T)
Cornell University Map Department (607) 255-7557	X			11 September 1997 (T)
Cornell University Institute Resource Information Systems Contact: Ms. Suzanne Hoskins (607) 255-6520 fax: (607) 255-4662	X	X		11 September 1997 (T) (L)

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Defense Technical Information Center Reference and Retrieval Branch Alexandria, VA Contact: Ms. Phyllis Gore (703) 767-8274 fax: (703) 767-9070	X	X		25 August 1997 (T) (L) 9 September 1997 (T) (L)
New York Historical Center 170 Central Park West 2, W 77 th Street New York, NY 10024 Contact: Ms. May Stone (212) 873-3400 fax: (212) 875-1591	X	X		6 August 1997 (T) (L)
New York State Archives Buffalo, NY (518) 474-4372 fax: (518) 473-4941	X			28 August 1997 (T)
Niagara County Courts County Clerk - Files Department (7 16) 439-7022	X			27 August 1997 (T)
Niagara County Public Library Earl W. Brydes Branch			X	July/August 1997
Niagara County Historical Society (716) 434-7433	X			26 August 1997 (T)
Niagara County Historian 139 Niagara Street Lockport, NY 14094 Contact: Dorothy Rolling (716) 439-7324			X	July/August 1997
Niagara County Health Department Environmental Department Contact: Mr. Paul Dicky (716) 439-7595			X	July/August 1997
Niagara County Recorder of Deeds			X	July/August 1997
Niagara County Tax Assessor's Office			X	July/August 1997
Niagara County Department of Parks and Recreation	X			2 September 1997 (T)
Niagara County Department of Public Works Contact: Ms. Joanne Ellsworth	X			July/August 1997
Niagara County Highway Department South Niagara Street Lockport, NY Contact: Mr. Carl Allen (716) 439-7360	X	X		27 August 1997 (T) (L)
Niagara County - Sheriff's Department Statistics Department (716) 438-3366	X			27 August 1997 (T)
Youngstown Fire Department (716) 745-3324	X			26 August 1997 (T)
Lewiston Police Department (716) 754-8477	X			26 August 1997 (T)
Lewiston Public Library			X	July/August 1997
City of Lockport Highway Department (7 16) 43945759	X			11 September 1997 (T)

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Modern Landfill Contact: Mr. Jim Gerrick (716) 754-8228	X			11 September 1997 (T)
S. Cohen and Associates Contact: Mr. Jean-Claude Dehmel (703) 264-1117	X			11 August 1997 (T)
Peer Consultants Contact: Mr. Bill Stanley (423) 483-3191	X			11 August 1997 (T)
Contact: Mr. George Delong (423) 241-9214	X			13 August 1997 (T)
M&M Lockport, NY (716) 433-2535 fax: (716) 433-2627	X	X		11 September 1997 (T) (L)
TGVA Engineering Lance, PA Contact: Mr. Ron Henry (814) 713-2692	X			11 September 1997 (T)
Dr. David Parry 22 Main St. Southborough, MA 01772 (508) 485-8544 fax: (508) 485-7695	X	X		7 August 1997 (T) (L)
Somerset Properties, Inc. Contact: Mr. John Syms				Need to set up meeting with Mr. Syms.
Nuclear Material and Equipment Corporation (NUMEC) Apollo, PA				Not contacted to date
Olin Mathieson Charleston, TN				Not contacted to date
Hagley Museum and Library PO Box 3630 Wilmington, DE 19807 (302) 658-2400	X			July 1997

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The following discussion presents a **summary** of the information **gathered** from **the** aforementioned contacts.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Baltimore District

Technical guidance and information regarding the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) project was obtained from **the** Baltimore District. **This** information formed **the** basis of **the** LOOW library of documents and data. Archive boxes were obtained from the Kansas City District and information pertinent to LOOW was copied and added to the EA LOOW repository. More archive boxes are expected to be retrieved and at that time, EA personnel will review pertinent documents.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – New York District. Real Estate Division

The real estate division was contacted on 26 August 1997 to obtain relevant information pertaining to real estate transfers in the LOOW site area. Mr. Gordon Orloow stated that he had numerous files on their division's real estate/ownership review, as well as documentation on various studies performed on site properties. A field team is scheduled to visit on 17 September 1997 to review files and copy pertinent information.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – New York District. Hazardous, Toxic and Radiological Waste Division

This office was initially contacted on 5 August 1997 to obtain general information on possible radiological and hazardous waste disposal activities, investigative studies, and records of response actions associated with LOOW. Mr. Rich Gadjek indicated that he did not have specific information of this site and he suggested contacting either Mr. Dave Brouer or Mr. Guy Ashcraft, who both were involved in the Manhattan project.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – East Brunswick District. Hazardous, Toxic and Radiological Waste Division

Mr. Dave Brouer was contacted on 25 August 1997 in regards to his knowledge on the Manhattan project. He stated that all his files on this project are subsets of those located at the National Archives in Washington, DC. He suggested that we visit this agency to collect data specific to LOOW and the Manhattan project.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region II

This agency was contacted for information regarding LOOW, specifically any Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (**RCRA**) permit applications, Notices of Violations, record of response actions, and other records pertaining to the facilities at LOOW. A foia letter was submitted on 1 August 1997 and EA received a letter from the **RCRA** Programs Branch on 2 September 1997 providing general information on their records review. A field team is scheduled to visit on 16 September 1997 to further research files and copy pertinent information.

Library of Congress – Geography and Maps Division

The Library of Congress (LOC) was contacted on 6 August 1997 in order to obtain historical information about LOOW. The LOC possesses an extensive collection of Sanborn maps that date from the 1867, as well as historical maps generated by various federal agencies. The reference librarian stated that the **Sanborn** map index did not contain any maps for the Niagara County or **Lewiston** or Porter Townships. A letter was submitted on 6 August 1997 requesting a comprehensive review. Mr. Ed Redmonds called on 8 August 1997 to state that it would take six weeks to complete the search and he suggested that we could conduct the search faster by either visiting the LOC directly or querying the catalog on the internet site (<http://lcweb.loc.gov>). He indicated he would not commence the search until EA sent someone to the LOC.

On 25 August 1997, the catalog on the web site was examined and the only maps which could possibly be pertinent to LOOW are a **Lewiston** zoning map (1982) and Niagara County Highway maps (1990, 1985, 1983, 1981, 1973). At this time, these maps will not be acquired from the LOC; however, these maps may be obtained in the future if it is determined that further information is required.

National Archives and Records Administration – College Park Military Reference Branch

The National Archives and Records Administration (**NARA**) was visited on 28 May 1997 to obtain military records concerning operations at LOOW. Prior to this visit, a letter was submitted on 20 May requesting research support from Mr. Ken **Schlessinger**. The field team reviewed the following record groups (**RGs**): Records of Office of Chief of Engineers (**RG 77**), Records of **Office** of Chief of Ordnance (**RG 156**), Records of the **Office** of the Quartermaster General (**RD 92**), and Records of the U.S. Air Force (**RG 341**), and copied pertinent files specific to LOOW.

Per the discussion with Mr. Dave Brouer (25 August 1997), NARA was recontacted on 28 August 1997 to review their files for information on the Manhattan project in relation to LOOW. A letter was received on 4 September 1997 from NARA representatives stating that they had located approximately 3,000 pages of annual reports on LOOW for 1940-1945 in **RG 156** and several thousand pages concerning the Manhattan project in **RG 77**. EA is scheduling a trip to research these documents and copy any new documents which were not reviewed during the initial visit.

National Archives and Records Administration – Legislative Reference Branch

This office was contacted on 26 August 1997 to obtain any documents relating to congressional or senate hearings and committees in relation to LOOW. This office contains documents within the following **RGs**: United States Senate (**RG 46**), United States House of Representatives (**RG 223**), Joint Committees of Congress (**RG 128**), Government Printing **Office** (**RG 149**), and United States General Accounting Office (**RG 217**). The reference archivist, Ms. Katherine Collado, indicated that she could not perform a record search on a broad topic (i.e., **LOOW**) and would require specific information, such as the committee name. At this time, EA will not research this agency further unless specific information/documents are revealed during future document review/research.

National Archives and Records Administration - Cartographic and Architectural Records Research Room

EA personnel visited this office on 28 May 1997 in order to obtain any aerial photographs, maps, building contracts, and other such documents relevant to LOOW. Based on this research, aerial coverage from 1938, 1944, 1956, 1960, and 1981 was copied and sent to EA.

National Archives and Records Administration - Still Pictures Branch

This branch was initially contacted on 6 August 1997 (via telephone and letter) to obtain aerial and ground photographs, such as buildings, surface structures, and/or site excavations, relevant to LOOW. Ms. Mary **Illario** responded to the search request on 27 August 1997 and indicated that their division did not have aerials. She suggested contacting the Cartographic and Architectural Records Research Division (EA previously contacted this branch on 28 May 1997). EA personnel contacted Ms. **Illario** on 3 September to verify that her initial search did include a ground photo search. Results of this search are still ongoing.

National Archives and Records Administration -Mid-Atlantic Region

The National Archives Mid-Atlantic Region was contacted on 25 July 1997 to obtain information on military records concerning operations at LOOW. A field team visited this branch in August 1997 and specific research included reviewing **RG 77** and Records of the War Assets Administration (**RG 270**). Based on this review, no information was found relevant to LOOW.

National Archives and Records Administration -Northeast Region

The NARA Northeast Region was contacted on 5 August 1997 (via telephone and letter) to obtain information on military records concerning operations at LOOW. Mr. John Celardo responded to the **search** request on 29 August 1997 and indicated that their search provided some data on LOOW. A field team is scheduled to visit on 15 September 1997 to further research files and copy pertinent information.

Washington National Records Center

This center stores documents for various Federal agencies prior to the annexation of such records into the NARA system. Based on a conversation with the Record Center/Accession and Disposal Branch on 6 August 1997, specific accession numbers (which refer to standard form 135s) need to be provided to the center in order to retrieve documents. These accession numbers can be obtained from the specific federal agencies (e.g., DOE, ACOE, and USAF) which placed the records in the center. EA will contact this center in the **future** if accession numbers are determined during the historical review.

National Personnel Records Center

Similar to the Washington National Records Center, this division also contains documents **from** Federal agencies prior to the annexation of such records into the NARA system. This center was contacted on 25 August 1997 (via telephone and letter). Mr. William Siebert responded to the search request on 27 August 1997 and stated that he did find two files pertaining to the Bell Aerospace Plant in 1942-1943 in the Air Force Index which may contain some information. He suggested calling the Records Management Office in Washington, DC to request this information; however, he stated that we should narrow down the search and provide the accession numbers. EA will contact this center in the future if more information is required on the Air Force plant.

Smithsonian Institute

The Smithsonian was contacted on 25 August 1997 to determine if their institute contained any aerial photographs pertaining to LOOW. Mr. Dan Hagedorn indicated that this division only stores aerials of bomb sites during **WWII** (no domestic sites). He suggested contacting the Cartographic and Architectural Records Research Division (EA previously contacted this branch on 28 May 1997).

National Cartography Center

This organization was contacted on 28 August 1997 to determine if their center contained any aerial photographs relevant to LOOW. Mr. **Vick McWilliams** stated that their center works in cooperation with the Farmers Service Agency who holds the reservoir of photographs. He suggested contacting the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Farmers Service Agency (EA previously contacted this branch on 25 August 1997).

U.S Department of Agriculture - Farmers Service Agency

This agency was contacted on 25 August 1997 for aerial photographs in the LOOW vicinity. Ms. Linda Carter stated that their agency only has maps after the 1950s and that coverage in the Niagara County area includes: 1966 (1"=20,000'), 1978 (1"=40,000'), and 1985 (high altitude). A fax was submitted on 26 August 1997 providing site location specifics to determine the quality of the coverage. EA personnel contacted Ms. Carter on 9 September to check the status of their review. Representatives stated that their work is backlogged by three weeks and it will take 6 to 8 weeks to even receive photographs when ordered.

Consolidated Farm Services - U.S.D.A - Lockport NY

This agency was contacted on 11 September 1997 to obtain aerial photographs in the LOOW vicinity. Based on a discussion with the USDA representative, their files contain Niagara County coverages for 1955-56, 1966, 1978, and 1990. EA will not pursue obtaining these photographs since coverage has already been collected for representative years (from USGS and Cartographic Records). The representative indicated that additional photographs were sent to Cornell University and she suggested contacting this institution.

National Agricultural Library

The National Agricultural Library was contacted on 25 August 1997 for information relating to soil and/or groundwater studies performed at LOOW. Ms. Ellen Nollman responded to the research request on 26 August 1997 and she stated that their library contains some aerial cover-ages and three soil surveys (1906, 1947, 1972). She will be sending a packet of information regarding her search to EA.

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) - Earth Science Information Center

This center was contacted on 6 August 1997 for any information concerning possible USGS ground water studies in the LOOW area. Mr. Bob Rider indicated that he did not have specific information of this site and he suggested contacting the New York District office in Troy, New York.

U.S. Geological Survey - Water Resources Division

This division was initially contacted on 6 August 1997 in regards to obtaining ground-water studies in the LOOW vicinity. Mr. Ron Allen stated that he will be required to have the coordinates of the site area need in order for him to perform a database search of the studies in the area. Mr. Allen was given the latitudes and longitudes of the LOOW area on 25 August and the results of their database query were sent to EA on 11 September 1997.

U.S. Geological Survey - Earth Science Information Center - Map Division

The U.S. Geological Survey - Map Division maintains an extensive collection of hard copy and electronic map information, and aerial photographs. EA personnel initially contacted this agency on 21 August 1997 (via telephone and fax) to request a search on what aerial photographs existed in the LOOW vicinity. A site map was resubmitted on 26 August 1997 to Mr. Bob Johnson in order to determine the number of frames required for coverage on the 1963, 1971, and 1978 maps. EA ordered the maps on 27 August and received the photographs in early September.

U.S. Geological Survey - Photographic Library

EA personnel initially contacted the photographic library on 27 September for any coverage relevant to LOOW. The representative stated they only have ground photographs in their library and suggested calling the USDA (EA previously contacted this branch on 25 August 1997). The library was recontacted on 3 September 1997 to determine if their collection contained any surface photographs of LOOW facilities, site excavations, etc. Mr. Joe McGregor responded to the research request on 7 September 1997 and he stated that their library has no such photographs on LOOW.

U.S. Geological Survey - Branch of Information Services

This branch of the USGS was contacted on 2 September 1997 in order to locate documents published in the 1950s and 1960s which related to groundwater conditions and radiological waste disposal in the

Niagara Falls vicinity. Their agency did not have these documents but the representative suggested contacting the National Technical Information Service.

General Services Administration – Records Office

The General Services Administration (GSA) has custody of documents pertaining to the disposition of Federal property. This division was contacted on 6 August 1997 to obtain information pertaining to LOOW property transfers. Mr. John Martin stated that the regional **office** in Boston would be a better source for older data and correspondences; however, his office may contain any recent land transfers or politically sensitive transfers. A **fax** letter was submitted to Mr. Martin on 8 August 1997. Mr. Martin responded to the research request on 29 August 1997 and he stated that their office contains no information on LOOW.

General Services Administration – Regional Office

Subsequent to discussions with Mr. John Martin the regional GSA **office** was contacted on 26 August 1997 for information relevant to LOOW. Ms. Maureen Healy stated that their division was established in 1949 so they **would** have records on anything after that time; however, records which are 25 years or older are archived in their Federal Records Center in Bayonne, NJ. A fax letter was submitted on 26 August 1997 requesting a database search.

This organization was recontacted on 12 September to check the status of their search and to their knowledge they had never received the **fax** letter. EA personnel resubmitted the request (12 September 1997). Mr. **Cossin** responded to the request on 16 September and stated GSA records show files on Air Force Plant 38 and 68, Nike Battery site, **Ransomville** Text Annex., and LOOW. At present, EA is making arrangements for an archive visit or for the materials to be copied and sent directly to EA.

General Services Administration – Real Estate Region II

EA personnel contacted the GSA – Real Estate Division on 6 August 1997 to obtain information on real estate transfers in the LOOW vicinity. A fax letter was submitted to the attention of Ms. Edith Allen who would forward the request to the appropriate personnel. EA contacted Ms. Allen on 26 August and appears she had misplaced the request. EA will not pursue acquiring information from this **office** since the database search being performed by the regional GSA office will include any data this division may have.

Judge Advocate General's Office

This **office** holds records on all files which were sent to the Judge Advocate General (**RG 407**). EA personnel contacted this office on 25 August 1997 and the representative stated that all DOD information was sent to the **USACE** in 1976. The representative stated that the Contract Appeals Division may have some information. EA personnel contacted Mr. James Decker on 26 August 1997 and he stated that his division transferred all files to the Army Corps of Engineers Chief Trial Attorney – Mr. Fred **Carr**. EA will contact this office in the future if more information is required for the historical review.

U.S. Navy Historical Center – Library

EA personnel contacted the U.S. Navy Historical Center Library on 9 September 1997 to obtain information relating to naval activities at LOOW. Mr. Davis Elliot stated we could conduct the search by **querying** the catalog on the internet site (<http://lcweb.loc.gov>). On 10 September 1997, the catalog on the web site was examined and no documents were found for a variety of key subject areas and words relevant to LOOW. Mr. Elliot also suggested contacting the Operational Archive Department.

U.S. Navy Historical Center – Operational Archive Department

The Operational Archive Department of the U.S. Navy Historical Center was contacted on 9 September 1997. A fax letter requesting a data search was submitted to Mr. Mike Walker. Results of this search are still ongoing.

Boiling Air Force Base – Air Force Historian

EA personnel contacted Ms. **Kincade** on 2 September 1997 in regards to performing a data search for Air Force activities at LOOW. She responded on 3 September and stated that no files were located during the database search.

Air National Guard – Division of Military and Naval Affairs

This division (also known as Youngstown Range) was contacted on 15 August 1997. Mr. Bill Knox stated their office has several reports on assessment of the **ANG's original 300 acre site**, as well as the former 600 acres occupied by the Air Force. Mr. Knox forwarded a summary of one document, and a field team is scheduled to visit on 19 September 1997 to further research files and copy pertinent information.

U.S. Army Military Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment

EA personnel contacted this detachment on 9 September (via telephone and fax) to obtain information about records of responses in the LOOW vicinity. Sgt. Class **Spence** stated their database only goes back 5 years and that no computer records exist prior to that time. Results of this search are still ongoing.

U.S. Army Center for Military History

This center was contacted (via telephone and fax letter) on 28 August 1997 to obtain information on army activities at LOOW. Mr. Steve Gamens searched through their collection and found no information on LOOW.

U.S. Army Military History Institute

Mr. Rich Baker from this institute was contacted on 5 August 1997 (via telephone and fax letter) in regard to performing a data search specific to LOOW. A return letter **from** Ms. Louise Arnold-Friend (reference library) was received on 18 August 1997 and stated that their collection contains three sources which may have information pertaining to LOOW. At present, EA is making arrangements for an archive visit or for the materials to be copied and sent directly to EA.

Ordnance Museum

The curator of this museum Mr. Roger **Godin**, was contacted on 26 August 1997 and he stated that their collection did not include any information on LOOW. He suggested that Dr. Sterling, the historian at Ft. Lee, be contacted.

Ft. Lee Ordnance Historian

Dr. Sterling was contacted on 27 August 1997 and he indicated that the Chief of Ordnance was disbanded in 1962 and **all** information regarding ordnance works was forwarded to the National or Regional Archives (**EA** has previously contacted these agencies).

Rome Labs

EA personnel contacted Mr. Bruce Mero on 23 July 1997, who sent two reports to EA for the Youngstown and Ontario Text Annex, and stated his files contained other information regarding the Nike base. A field team is scheduled to visit on 19 September 1997 to further research files and copy pertinent information. He suggested contacting Wright Patterson for more information on AFP 38 (EA has contacted this agency).

Rome Research Facility

This facility was contacted on 27 August 1997 about information on the **Ransomville** Text Annex (also called Model City). Mr. Bill Young stated he had some files which he would compile and send out to EA.

Charles E. Kelly Support Facility

EA personnel have attempted to contact Mr. Steve Lenney, who may provide some information on the Nike Base at LOOW. Communications are still ongoing.

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base - Air Force Material Commands

This base was contacted on 13 August 1997 to obtain information on the Air Force Plants 38 and 68. Ms. Judy Charles stated she would send eleven documents on AFP 38 and they have six other documents which EA would have to copy and return. She indicated that her files do not include any information on AFP 38 but she suggested that a foia letter be submitted to retrieve this information. A letter was submitted on 15 August 1997. EA received a response letter on 3 September 1997 verifying their receipt of the data request and stated that their department would need more time to process the search. To date, this search is still ongoing.

U.S. Department of Energy - Oak Ridge Operations

EA personnel contacted the Oak Ridge Operations division to locate copies of reports that DOE has performed on the LOOW site. Dr. Barry **Berven** directed the search to Ms. Carol Johnson who will be forwarding pertinent files/documents to EA.

U.S. Department of Energy Public Information Site

Ms. Arleen Kreuzsch was contacted on 28 August 1997 about information pertaining to radiological studies and DOE activities in the LOOW vicinity. She stated that her **office** contains the Niagara Falls Storage Administration Records, which contain over 100 volumes of information. She faxed the table of contents to EA and indicated that these records could be examined at either her **office** or the **Lewiston** Public Library (EA is currently examining these records). She also suggested contacting Mr. Ron Kirk, the DOE Site Manager of NFSS.

U.S. Department of Energy - DOE Site Manager of NFSS

Per conversation with Ms. Kreuzsch, Mr. Ron Kirk will be contacted for further information regarding the Niagara Falls Storage Site if it is deemed necessary.

Board on Radioactive Waste Management

This organization was contacted on 13 August 1997 and one document relating to uranium ore residues at the Niagara Falls Storage Site will be sent to EA.

U.S. Department of Labor

This agency was contacted on 15 September 1997 for further information about the DOL property at LOOW. Mr. Stan Burger responded on 16 September 1997 and stated he would send pertinent file correspondences and investigative reports to EA. A fax letter was also submitted to him on 16 September 1997.

New State Health Department - Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigations

These offices were contacted on 1 August 1997 (via telephone and fax letter) to acquire documents or information pertaining to LOOW, specifically, documents such as Notices of Violations, permit applications, health advisories, compliance inspections, etc. EA received a response letter on 11 August 1997 verifying their receipt of the data request, and Ms. Dawn Hettrick was contacted to determine the extent of their files on LOOW. A field team is scheduled to visit on 19 September 1997 to further research files and copy pertinent information.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation - Water Supply Unit

EA personnel contacted this department on 5 August 1997 (via telephone and fax letter) to acquire available documents concerning public supply wells in the LOOW vicinity. Mr. Dan King stated that his office does not have any information on LOOW and suggested contacting the RCRA Corrective Action Program.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation - RCRA Corrective Action Program

Per conversation with Mr. King, Mr. Stan Radon was contacted for further information regarding investigative studies in the LOOW area. Mr. Radon directed this request to Mr. Bijon Rostami, who deals with CWM. Mr. Rostami will be contacted in the future if more data is required regarding CWM investigations.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation - Hazardous Waste Unit

This office was contacted on 1 August 1997 (via telephone and fax letter) to acquire documents concerning potential hazardous waste contamination at LOOW. Mr. Bob Stewart responded to the request and stated that his office does not have any information on LOOW. He suggested contacting the Region 9 office.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation - Albany Office

Mr. Kent Johnson has been involved in investigative activities at the LOOW property for over ten years. EA personnel contacted Mr. Johnson on 22 August 1997 to discuss his availability in early September to meet with EA and review documents on the LOOW site. A meeting will be scheduled in the future. Mr. Johnson also suggested contacting Mr. Strickland at the Hazardous and Solid Materials Unit in Buffalo.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation - Hazardous and Solid Materials Unit

Per conversation with Mr. Johnson, Mr. Strickland was contacted on 28 August 1997 (via telephone and fax letter) to obtain information, particularly prior to 1980, concerning LOOW. A meeting will be scheduled in the future with Mr. Strickland to review documents on the LOOW site. A letter verifying the receipt of the foia letter was received on 2 September 1997. This letter stated that the request has been forwarded to individual divisions involved. A fax from Mr. Tom Johnson at the Air Resources

Division was received on 10 September 1997, and he stated that their division has no files pertinent to LOOW.

New York Department of Transportation - Map Information Unit

EA personnel ordered the Niagara County map on 28 August 1997. This department was also contacted on 4 September 1997 to acquire about the inventory of aerial photographs. The representative suggested contacting M&M, TGVA Engineering, City of **Lockport** Highway Department, and Consolidate Farm Services (EA has contacted these companies/agencies).

New York State Assembly

Mr. Joseph T. **Pillittere** was contacted on 15 August to request any backup documentation pertaining to LOOW which was used for the NYS Assembly Task Force Federal Connection Report.

State University of New York - SUNY Buffalo

The archive department of the SUNY Buffalo library was contacted on 7 August 1997 (via telephone and fax letter) for historical information relevant to LOOW. After a cursory review, Mr. Chris **Densmore** stated that the library did not have documentation on LOOW but he would provide a more in-depth search. A field team visited this library on 14 and 15 August 1997 to further research files and copy pertinent information.

Cornell University - Olin Crook Library

The library was contacted on 11 September 1997 to obtain aerial photographs in the LOOW vicinity. The representative suggested contacting the map department.

Cornell University - Map Department

This department was contacted on 11 September 1997 to obtain aerial photographs in the LOOW vicinity. The representative suggested contacting the Institute Resource Information Systems.

Cornell University - Institute Resource Information Systems

This department was contacted on 11 September 1997 to obtain aerial photographs in the LOOW vicinity. A site map was submitted on 11 September 1997 to provide more information for the search. Ms. Suzanne **Hoskins** stated that their collection included coverage in 1938, 1951, 1966, 1968, and 1978. EA will not pursue obtaining these photographs since coverage has already been collected for representative years (from USGS and Cartographic Records).

National Technical Information Services

EA personnel contacted this organization (via telephone and fax letter) on 2 September 1997 in an attempt to locate documents published in the 1950s and 1960s which related to groundwater conditions and radiological waste disposal in the Niagara Falls vicinity. NTIS representatives responded on 3 September 1997 and stated they did not have requested documents.

Defense Technical Information Center

This center was contacted on 25 August 1997 (via telephone and fax letter) in an attempt to locate historical documents. EA personnel contacted this organization on 9 September 1997 to check the status

of the search and apparently the fax transmission was never received. The fax letter was resubmitted on 9 September 1997 and document search is ongoing.

New York Historical Center

The New York Historical Center contains materials pertaining to New York, including papers, manuscripts, and maps of businesses and local government. This center was contacted on 6 August 1997 (via telephone and letter) for information relevant to **LOOW**. EA received a response letter from Ms. May Stone on 14 August 1997 stating that their organization contains no information on LOOW.

New York State Archives

This office was contacted on 28 August 1997 to acquire historical reports, site maps, manuscripts and historical photographs pertaining to LOOW. The Historical Document Inventory Guide for Erie - SUNY/State colleges and Niagara Counties will be sent to EA. Documents may be ordered pending the review of the inventory guide.

Niagara County Courts

This office was contacted on 27 August 1997 for information regarding legal actions against former and current companies and successor corporations which occupied LOOW. The representative at the Files department stated that there are no computerized listing made prior to one year ago and if a search were to occur specific details on the plaintiff, defendant, and date need to be known. At this time, EA will not research this agency further unless specific information/documents are revealed during future document review/research.

Niagara County Public Library

Field personnel visited the County Library in July/August 1997. The local history collection was reviewed and pertinent articles were copied.

Niagara County Historical Society

EA personnel contacted this society on 26 August 1997 and the historian stated that this society contains some files on business transactions in the area but it mainly contains artifacts. The historian suggested contacting Ms. Dorothy Rolling (EA visited in July/August 1997).

Niagara County Historian

EA personnel visited this organization in July/August 1997. Their only source of information was a folder labeled "Lewiston 26-00-00 1.11 Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (TNT Plant) - The Plant and Later Uses by U.S. Government and Storage of Materials There - 'Model City' - M.S. by David W. Parry, 1979, 2390 North Forest, Getzville, NY 14068". The folder contained many newspaper clippings from the Niagara Gazette and a draft version of Dr. Parry's report. Pertinent files were copied.

Niagara County Health Department

The County Health Department was visited in July/August 1997 to obtain information pertaining to **LOOW**, specifically, inspection reports, remediation reports, Notices of Violations, etc.. Pertinent documents were retrieved and copies were sent to EA on 5 August 1997.

Niagara County Recorder of Deeds

This office was visited in July/August 1997 to obtain documents necessary to complete LOOW ownership history. Deeds, leases, easements, quitclaim deeds, right of ways, easements, and other documents that might be pertinent to the ownership history were collected.

Niagara County Tax Assessor's Office

This office was visited in July/August 1997 to obtain documents necessary to complete LOOW ownership history.

Niagara County Department of Parks and Recreation

This office was contacted on 2 September 1997 to obtain any additional information on LOOW ownership history. Communications with this agency are ongoing.

Niagara County Department of Public Works

This department has documents and information regarding monitoring of public supply wells near LOOW. Ms. **Ellsworth** was contacted and EA personnel reviewed copies of documents, mostly DOE, in July/August 1997. Ms. **Ellsworth** suggested contacting Mr. Carl Allen at the Niagara County Highway Department.

Niagara County Highway Department

EA personnel contacted Mr. Carl Allen (per conversation with Ms. Ellsworth) on 27 August 1997 to obtain information on the **Balmer** Road and Porter/Center Road expansion projects. A site map was sent to Mr. Allen to provide specific location details. He will forward to EA pertinent copies of the highway plans which detail property boundaries and owners. To his recollection, there was no sampling or unusual environmental hazards during the construction phases of the project.

Niagara County - Sheriff's Department

EA personnel contacted this department to obtain information regarding statistics of police responses in the LOOW vicinity. The representative indicated that their records only go back one year.

Youngstown Fire Department

The Youngstown Fire Department was contacted on 26 August 1997 to obtain information regarding fire responses in the LOOW vicinity. The representative stated they have no database containing such records.

Lewiston Police Department

The **Lewiston** Police Department was contacted on 26 August 1997 to obtain information regarding police responses in the LOOW vicinity. The representative stated that they do have a database which goes back 10 years but had never had such a request and were hesitant to perform the search. EA will pursue this source if deemed necessary in the future.

Lewiston Public Library

The Lewiston Public library contains the Environmental Report Repository. This library has been visited during July and August 1997. The general library holdings were searched and no information was found. At present, a field team is reviewing the Environmental Report.

City of Lockport Highway Department

EA personnel contacted this department on 11 September 1997 to obtain aerial photographs in the LOOW vicinity. The official stated that the aerials in their collection were specific to the City of Lockport.

Chemical Waste Management Inc.

This company was contacted in August 1997 to obtain information on water quality and investigative studies conducted at their site. An October meeting will be scheduled to review documents.

Modem Landfill

This company was contacted to obtain information on water quality and investigative studies conducted at their site. Mr. Jim Genick was contacted on 11 September 1997. At present, communications are in progress.

S Cohen and Associates

This company was contacted on 11 August 1997 to obtain information on investigative work conducted at LOOW. Mr. Dehmel faxed EA information **from** the 1996 baseline environmental management report prepared by DOE which provides a brief history on the site. He suggested contacting Dr. Barry Berven at Oak Ridge for further information (EA has contacted Dr. Berven).

Peer Consultants

Mr. Bill Stanley was contacted on 11 August 1997 for additional information on the Youngstown Test Annex, and in particular any chemical data on electronic format. Mr. Stanley stated he does not have any more information on the site and their company does not have chemical data on electronic diskettes. He suggested contacting Mr. George Delong at Hazwrap (EA has contacted Mr. Delong).

Hazwrap

Mr. George Delong was contacted on 13 August 1997 in regards to any chemical data on electronic format. He indicated that their company has no electronic **data**.

M&M

This company was contacted on 11 September 1997 to obtain aerial photographs in the LOOW vicinity.. A site map was submitted on 11 September 1997 to provide more information for the search. The representative stated their collection included coverage from 1972 and 1981. EA will not pursue obtaining these photographs since coverage has already been collected for representative years (from USGS and Cartographic Records).

TGVA Engineering

This company was contacted on 11 September 1997 to obtain aerial photographs in the LOOW vicinity.. Mr. Ron Henry will contact EA with the data search results.

Dr. David Parr-v

Dr. David Parry, who wrote a paper on LOOW, was contacted (via telephone and fax letter) on 7 August 1997 to obtain a **final** document of the paper he produced. EA personnel followed-up on 26 August and Dr. Parry was not able to locate a final version.

Somerset Properties, Inc.

A meeting **with** Mr. Syms will be scheduled in the future to review pertinent files related to LOOW.

Nuclear Material and Equipment Corporation (NUMEC)

This company operated the Boron 10 plant under contract by the AEC from 1964 to 1966 and remained caretaker of the area until 1971. This company may be contacted in the future to provide supplemental information for the history search.

Olin Mathieson

This company was involved in the Boron plant and AFP 68. This company may be contacted in the future to provide supplemental information for the history search.

Hagley Museum and Library

This organization provides information on business and technology, also serving as the primary archives for DuPont. This organization was contacted in July 1997 and Ms. **Majorie McNinch** faxed a list of general listings on LOOW. EA may schedule a visit to this museum in the future if more data is required for the historical search.

Sincerely,

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