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TO: Clinton L Anuszewski NAB02 at X400

FROM: FREDRICK L BOGLIONE, David J Brouwer NAN02 at X400, STEPHEN M YAKSICH

Subject: Re: FW: Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Project Management

Clint:

Thank you for forwarding this to me.

I discussed this with Mr. Johnson.

I explained to him the decision to replace Justina was a corporate decision and that I will strive to provide the best professional service possible to make the LOOW project a success.

I am disappointed in many of this unprofessional statements. I do not intend to address his opinions on a point by point basis since that probably would not accomplish anything. I further believe these are strictly his opinions and NOT the view of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

I trust my future actions and leadership with the project will speak for themselves.

Ray Pilon
Project Manager

Ray:

I just received this E-Mail. I have no intention of responding unless you put something together that you would like me to send out under my signature. I would suggest, however, that you might meet with Mr. Johnson and explain the roles and responsibilities for the successful execution of this project. It appears that he is unaware as to whom the project manager is and unaware that the level of technical support has not changed. I will be more than happy to participate in such a meeting. Give me a call if you would like to discuss further.

Clint

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

From: Kent Johnson [mailto:kdjohnso@gw.dec.state.ny.us]

Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 1998 11:58 AM

To: Clinton.L.Anuszewski@nab02.usace.army.mil

Subject: Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Project Management

Dear Mr. Anuszewski:

Re: Lake Ontario Ordnance Works - Project Management

I was informed this morning of a request from the USACE -Buffalo District to replace Ms. Justina Wesley, of your office, as project manager for the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works site. I would like to express my opinion as the project manager for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

During my association with this project since 1987, I have worked with several project managers and three separate district of the USACE. In addition, I also work on other Department of Defense facilities (Griffiss Air Force Base, Fort Drum) and by far, Ms. Wesley is the most technically proficient, knowledgeable project manager and easiest to work with. Her dedication and determination has on several occasions saved this project from the loss of funding and unnecessary delays. Although the positions of the Department and the USACE have often been in disagreement, her up-front and honest approach has led to successful negotiations and the clearing of many technical and administrative hurdles. The removal of Ms. Wesley would result in a very significant setback to progress on this program and damage the working relationship between the USACE and the Department that has been developed during Ms. Wesley tenure.

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Buffalo District, many unnecessary problems have arisen. Funding for the current asbestos abatement would have been lost if not for the efforts of Ms. Wesley. The Remedial Investigation field activities which occurred over the past summer would have been delayed significantly if not for Ms. Wesley's dedication to resolve the substantial Department comments (over 100) on the work plan and the use of Baltimore District resources to perform duties (right-of-entries) which are the responsibility of the Buffalo District. The commitment of the Buffalo District to this project is minimal at best. This opinion is supported by the lack of attendance of Mr. Pilon at several important meetings (RI workplan negotiations, Pre-construction conference for Phase 1 IRA) and the sporadic oversight on contractors performing work under contract to the Buffalo District.

In closing, I would like to say that working with the bureaucracy and procedures of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is difficult at best. The loss of Ms. Wesley's management abilities can only have negative effects. If you would like to discuss the topic of this letter or the Department's position on the handling of the remedial programs for the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works, please contact me at (518) 457-9253.

Sincerely,
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