

Lake Ontario Ordnance Works News from the Corps

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Hello from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District:

We are pleased to announce the availability of the "Management Action Plan (MAP) for the Former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) Update 2 and associated Property Management Action Plans (PMAPs)" at

<http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/DERPFUDS/LakeOntarioOrdnanceWorks.aspx> in the Reports Section. This update includes relevant information based on investigative activities since 2013. Changes from the initial version of the MAP are highlighted and outlined in the document to allow the reader easy access to updated information.

The purpose of the LOOW MAP is to integrate and evaluate information from prior Corps of Engineers reports and relevant non-Corps of Engineers sources. The LOOW MAP establishes a single comprehensive agency planning document in which the Corps of Engineers formally communicates findings, conclusions, and a framework to achieve the objectives of the Corps of Engineers' Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) responsibilities at the former LOOW. The LOOW MAP is not intended to replace or serve as a formal CERCLA decision document, but rather to serve as a planning document with an anticipated path forward for completion of the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS) mission at the property parcels comprising the former LOOW.

The MAP presents objectives, methodologies, agency authority and responsibilities, and summary of findings and strategy. It explains why and how each of the real property parcels, defined by the Niagara County Department of Real Property, were combined into parcel groups.

For the MAP, a parcel group has been defined as a single parcel or multiple parcels with similar characteristics with regard to FUDS property eligibility, location relative to the developed area of LOOW, ownership, known or suspected DoD impacts, and land use. It is the unit for which each PMAP was developed, and for which findings, conclusions, and strategies for eventual closure are presented.

We look forward to talking with you at the poster session for the Former LOOW on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Lewiston Porter Senior Center at 4361 Lower River Road, in Youngstown, NY 14174. The poster session will be conducted in open house fashion with LOOW project delivery team members available to talk with you. Posters with the latest information regarding the LOOW MAP, the Occidental Chemical Corporation Property, and the former LOOW Wastewater Treatment Plant will be on display.