

Lake Ontario Ordnance Works News from the Corps

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

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, is pleased to announce the availability of the proposed plan for the Occidental Chemical Corporation Property at the Former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site, Niagara County, New York, and a fact sheet summarizing the document at <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/DERPFUDS/LakeOntarioOrdnanceWorks.aspx> on the Buffalo District website.

The Corps of Engineers' preferred alternative outlined in the proposed plan is Alternative 4: Excavation and Off-Site Disposal, to address contaminated soils at Area of Concern (AOC) 1 of the Occidental Chemical Corporation Property (OCCP). No further action is required by the Department of Defense for AOCs 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the OCCP. The Corps of Engineers is accepting comments regarding the proposed plan and preferred alternative during the comment period, which ends February 7, 2017.

The former LOOW is located in the towns of Lewiston and Porter, Niagara County, New York, and was used during World War II as a trinitrotoluene (TNT) manufacturing facility. The OCCP is a 304-acre parcel within the undeveloped area of the former LOOW in the town of Porter. AOC 1 is a 425-foot by 325-foot area within the southwestern portion of the OCCP.

The proposed plan was prepared as part of the Corps of Engineers' environmental response project conducted under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS) in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq. as amended) and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) (40 CFR 300).

A public meeting presenting the proposed plan and preferred alternative will be conducted on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Town of Lewiston Senior Center, 4361 Lower River Road, Youngstown, New York 14171. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

6:30 p.m. – Poster session

7:00 p.m. – Proposed plan and preferred alternative presentation

7:30 p.m. – Public comments recorded

A court recorder will be available to record your verbal comments after the presentation. Written comments may be provided that evening, e-mailed to derpfuds@usace.army.mil; or mailed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, Attention: Environmental Project Management Team, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14207. Mailed comments must be postmarked by February 7, 2017.

The proposed plan and supporting documents are available electronically in the administrative record file for LOOW, which is available for review in the Town of Lewiston Public Library, 305 South Eighth Street, Lewiston, New York, and the Youngstown Free Library, 240 Lockport Street, Youngstown, New York. The administrative record file is also available for review by appointment at the Buffalo District Office Library located at 1776 Niagara Street in Buffalo, New York.