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REPLY TO:

Special Projects Branch

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SUBJECT: Public Release of the *Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) Management Action Plan* and associated *Property Management Action Plans (PMAPs), Update No. 1*, Lewiston, New York

Mr. John Filipelli, Division Director
Clean Air and Sustainability Division
USEPA Region 2
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Dear Mr. Filipelli:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Buffalo District is pleased to announce the availability of the *Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) Management Action Plan (MAP)* and associated *Property Management Action Plans (PMAPs), Update No. 1*, at <http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/DERPFUDS/LakeOntarioOrdnanceWorks> on the Buffalo District website. Because the MAP is a management tool, the USACE may update the document when PMAPs incur change in status or strategy to the previous submittal. This update includes relevant information based on investigative activities since 2010, specifically on the Lewiston Porter School District Property, the Wastewater Treatment Plant currently owned by the Town of Lewiston, and the Occidental property. Changes from the initial version of the MAP are highlighted and outlined in the document to allow the reader easier access to updated information. This update also includes a summary of two comments received from the community and stakeholders.

The purpose of the LOOW MAP is to integrate and evaluate information from prior USACE reports and relevant non-USACE sources to establish a single comprehensive agency planning document in which USACE formally communicates findings, conclusions, and a framework to achieve the objectives of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) responsibilities at the former LOOW Site. The LOOW MAP is not intended to replace or serve as a formal CERCLA decision document, but rather 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, USACE and other federal, state, and local agency authority and responsibilities, summary of findings and strategy; and explains why and

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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.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to Mr. Mike Basile, Public Information Office, USEPA, Region 2, WNY Public Information Office. This letter is also being distributed to the attached list of elected officials, agency representatives, and property owners. If you require additional information on our project at the former LOOW Site, please contact me, DERP-FUDS Project Manager for the former LOOW Site, at (716) 879-4309.

Sincerely,



Michael Senus
DERP-FUDS
Environmental Project Management Team

Enclosure