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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. Robert Hallman
Deputy Secretary for Energy and the Environment
Office of the Governor
NYS Executive Chamber Room 245
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Mr. Hallman:

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Because the MAP is a management tool, the USACE plans to update the MAP regularly, and to issue updates to those PMAPs that incurred significant change in strategy or status from the previous submittal. This update includes a summary of the two comments received from the community and stakeholders.

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,



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Mr. Kevin Gleason, Acting Director
New York State Department of Health
Center for Environmental Health
Flanigan Square
547 River Street, Suite 500
Troy, NY 12180

Dear Mr. Gleason:

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Mr. Daniel J. Stapleton
Niagara County Health Department
5467 Upper Mountain Road, Suite 100
Lockport, NY 14094-1899

Dear Mr. Stapleton:

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Mr. Mark Agle
Real Estate Rights – NY West
National Grid
144 Kensington Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14214

Dear Mr. Agle:

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Mr. R. Christopher Roser, Superintendent
Lewiston-Porter School District
4061 Creek Road
Youngstown, NY 14174

Dear Mr. Roser:

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A copy of the Property Management Action Plan (PMAP), Update No. 1, that pertains to your property is enclosed. This PMAP is a portion (73 pages) of the three-volume MAP available in its entirety (2,341 pages) at the above mentioned USACE weblink.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to Dr. Joe Gardella, Jr., SUNY Buffalo, Department of Chemistry; Tim Webster, Esq., Webster Szanyi, LLP; and to Ms. Jodee Riordan, President, Lewiston-Porter School District Board of Education. 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.

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