

April 2, 2012

Dear Lewiston-Porter Community Member:

The purpose of this e-mail is to request your input on the establishment of an official Department of Defense (DoD) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for the Corps of Engineers project being performed under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS) at the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) Site located in the Towns of Lewiston and Porter in New York.

At the DERP-FUDS former LOOW Site, where an official DoD RAB is not operating, the Corps is required to reassess possible community interest in forming a DoD RAB every 24 months.

An official DoD RAB for the DERP-FUDS projects at the former LOOW Site would consist of a panel of community and government representatives who would meet to discuss environmental restoration activities being conducted by the Corps under the DERP-FUDS program for the former LOOW Site only.

An official DoD RAB for the DERP-FUDS former LOOW Site would be:

- a. Established and led by the Buffalo District Commander,
- b. Managed by two co-chairs, a Corps representative and a community member,
- c. Operated in accordance with the DoD regulation, 32 Code of Federal Regulations Part 202 (May 2006) and DERP-FUDS policy, and
- d. Operated solely for the DERP-FUDS projects being executed by the Corps at the former LOOW Site.

An official DoD RAB is not authorized to address environmental hazards at properties that are ineligible for inclusion in DERP-FUDS such as:

- a. Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS),
- b. Open FUSRAP Vicinity Properties, and
- c. Hazards unrelated to DoD activities.

Regardless of whether an official DoD RAB is established for the DERP-FUDS former LOOW Site, the Corps will continue to meet or exceed its public participation requirements pursuant to Federal laws and regulations by hosting community workshops and using other public participation tools and methods.

A fact sheet summarizing what you could expect from an official DoD RAB for the DERP-FUDS former LOOW Site and additional detailed information is available on our website at:

www.lrb.usace.army.mil/derpfuds/loow

Your response is an important element in the Corps' decision whether to include an official DoD RAB in its public participation program for the DERP-FUDS former LOOW Site. Please submit your written response to us by May 4, 2012. Your letter may be sent to the attention of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, DERP-FUDS Team, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207.