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Ms. Mary Kay Foley
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Dear Ms. Foley:

Re: Lake Ontario Ordnance Works
Towns of Lewiston & Porter, Niagara County

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) has received the "Draft Scope of Work - Underground Line Investigation, Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW), Niagara County, New York" (SOW). The SOW outlines work to be performed as part of investigating underground utilities to assess the presence of contamination and their potential as migration pathways.

Upon review of the report, Department has the following comments:

Page 1-8, Section 1.2.2, Last Bullet: The presence/absence of "DOD marker compounds" is insufficient to determine the source of detected contaminants. Many other compounds have been used by DOD associated operations at the former LOOW site. It is better to evaluate the source of contamination by review of past operations and potential uses on a case by case basis.

Page 2-2, Section 2.1.1: The Department requests a copy of the Appendices.

Page 5-1, Section 5: Due to past usage of the site for the storage of radioactive material, Radiation screening should be included in the sampling plan with potential sample collection at areas with elevated readings.

If you have any questions, please call me at (518) 402-8594.

Sincerely,



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