

## Public can still comment on ordnance works site

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LEWISTON — Time is running out for the public comment period of the report being issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in relation to the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site.

The public comment period ends Tuesday.

The report is part of a proposed action associated with a drum trench and trash pit on Chemical Waste Management property, 1550 Balmer Road.

The former LOOW Site is a 7,500-acre parcel located within the towns of Lewiston and Porter. The site was used in the early 1940s by the federal government. The Corps is addressing environmental contamination caused by Department of Defense activities under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites.

Five alternatives were considered for this project. The preferred alternative includes excavation of drums,

containers and debris from the drum trench and trash pit, and disposal of excavated materials at legally permitted treatment, storage and disposal facilities. The Corps has determined the preferred alternative to be protective of human health and the environment.

The Administrative Record File for the former LOOW Site is at the Lewiston Public Library, 305 S. Eighth St., Lewiston; the Youngstown Free Library, 240 Lockport St., Youngstown; and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Information Center, 1776 Niagara St., Buffalo.

The Administrative Record File provides the public with access to site-related information that was used to develop the preferred alternative.

Written comments will be accepted if postmarked by Tuesday and should be sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Public Information Center, 1776 Niagara St., Buffalo, NY 14207-3199.