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Environmental remediation contract awarded

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has begun cleanup of the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) site.

The contract, amounting to \$841,000 was awarded to Environmental Quality Management, Inc. (EQM) of Cincinnati, Oh. for the removal of asbestos and miscellaneous chemicals from the Somerset property on Balmer Road, located on the former LOOW property.

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EQM has subcontracted with the Environmental Products and Services, Inc. office in Tonawanda to perform much of the work, scheduled to begin August 17.

The former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works site, located on 7500 acres in the townships of Lewiston and Porter in Niagara County, was used by the War Department for production and storage of trinitrotoluene (TNT) during World War II. The facility was closed in 1943 and the Corps is overseeing cleanup activities under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS) program.

Additional environmental cleanup work at other areas of the site is planned in the near future.

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