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**Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis and
Administrative Record File for the Former
Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site
Released for Formal Comment
September 11, 2000 through October 10, 2000**

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has issued for public comment an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) Report and Administrative Record File for the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) Site.

The former LOOW Site is a 7,500-acre parcel located within the townships of Lewiston and Porter, Niagara County, New York. The site was used in the early 1940's by the Federal government for production and storage of trinitrotoluene (TNT). USACE is addressing environmental contamination caused by Department of Defense activities under the Defense Environmental Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites.

The EE/CA is associated with a drum trench and trash pit from the former LOOW Site that are located on Chemical Waste Management property, 1500 Balmer Road, Lewiston, New York. This document has been placed in the Administrative Record File in the Lewiston Public Library located at 305 South Eighth Street in Lewiston, New York; the Youngstown Free Library, 240 Lockport Street, Youngstown, New York; and the USACE Public Information Center located at 1776 Niagara Street in Buffalo, New York. The Administrative Record provides public access to site-related information used to develop the preferred alternative.

Five alternatives were considered for the Interim Removal Action on the site. The preferred alternative has been determined to be protective of human health and the environment, and is believed to provide the best balance among the evaluated alternatives. 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 or disposal facilities.

This notice establishes a 30-day public comment period for the EE/CA and Administrative Record File beginning September 11, 2000 and ending October 10, 2000. A public meeting will be held upon timely request. Written comments will be accepted if postmarked by October 10, 2000, at the following address:

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