

Executive Summary

Inventory Project Report for Lake Ontario Ordnance Works DERP-FUDS site

The Defense Environmental Restoration Program – Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS) program guidance requires that an inventory project report (INPR) be created for every DERP-FUDS site. These INPRs outline information collected to determine both property and project eligibility for the DERP-FUDS program. A property is considered eligible if it was formerly owned or used by the Department of Defense and is within the 50 states. An eligible project is one where there is contamination on the eligible property requiring remedial/removal response, and where DoD has (or shares) potential responsibility for the hazardous condition. There are five possible types of projects which can be proposed in an inventory project report: Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste (HTRW); Containerized Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive Waste (CON/HTRW); Ordnance and Explosive Waste (OEW); Potentially Responsible Party (PRP); and Building Demolition and Debris Removal (BD/DR).

The original INPR for the LOOW site was created in 1986. This first INPR only covered a portion of the site. There were several other INPRs which covered various other pieces of the former LOOW. The original INPR only included a HTRW project. The project team is of the opinion that the original INPR should be amended so that there is only one INPR for the entire site and the INPR should contain an HTRW, CON/HTRW, OEW, BD/DR, and PRP project. The amended INPR is enclosed.

HTRW projects include environmental response actions related to hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants at FUDS which conform to the requirements of the National Contingency Plan (NCP) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). CON/HTRW projects include any required short-term corrective actions such as removal of drums or underground storage tanks. OEW projects include environmental response actions for all forms of military munitions and chemical warfare material. PRP projects are those where DoD may share potential

CERCLA responsibility for the hazardous condition on the eligible FUDS property. BD/DR projects address any condition that presents a clear danger likely to cause serious injury or death to a person exercising ordinary and reasonable care, such as unsafe structures.

Each INPR consists of the following elements:

- Site Survey Summary Sheet – The Site Survey Summary Sheet summarizes the site information including, site name, location, property history, property visit, category of hazards, project descriptions, available studies and reports, and point of contact information.
- Findings and Determination of Eligibility (FDE) – The FDE documents whether the property is eligible for DERP-FUDS. The Division Commander makes the determination of property eligibility and signs the FDE. This authority may not be delegated. The FDE includes the Findings of Fact and the Determination. The Findings of Fact must explain when and in what manner the site was formerly owned or used by a DoD component. The Determination is a summary statement of the Division Commander's determination of property eligibility.
- Project Summary Sheet – A Project Summary Sheet must be prepared for each eligible project. The Project Summary Sheet details the project description, project eligibility, policy considerations, proposed project, proposed activity, and point of contact information.

The first step in the approval process is the District Commander's forwarding memorandum. This memorandum will be sent from the commander of the geographic district (Buffalo for the LOOW project) to the commander of the geographic military design district (Baltimore District). When the military district receives the memorandum they will coordinate approval of the proposed projects and forward the INPR to the North Atlantic Division Commander for approval. The Division Commander will sign the FDE. After the FDE is signed the military district will forward copies to current landowners and HQUSACE Military Programs-Environmental Restoration Division, Formerly Used Sites Branch (CEMP-RF). Each landowner will also receive a cover

letter briefly explaining the proposed projects and relevant policy decisions as appropriate. Properties having multiple owners may be notified through group mailings or public notices where warranted. A copy of the District Commander's forwarding memorandum is enclosed for Lieutenant Colonel DeWillie's signature.

Action Needed: DE sign the forwarding memorandum where indicated.