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Mr. Brent LaSpada
USACE Buffalo District
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RE: Proposed Plan for OCC Property at the Former LOOW

Dear Mr. LaSpada:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the "Department"), has received the "Proposed Plan for the Occidental Chemical Corporation Property at the Former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site, Niagara County, New York" (the Plan). The Plan identifies a preferred alternative which was previously presented, along with other alternatives, as part of the Feasibility Study (FS) in 2015.

As part of the FS, five (5) remedial alternatives were evaluated. The Alternatives underwent evaluation using the nine (9) criteria outlined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act. The preferred alternative (Alternative 4) includes excavation and off-site disposal of impacted soils. Soil sampling would be conducted after soil removal to confirm compliance with the remedial goals. This alternative ranked high for all the criteria, eliminates the need for long-term monitoring and land use controls, and the lowest cost.

Upon review of the Plan, the Department concurs with the USACE's selection of preferred alternative for AOC 1 at the Occidental Chemical Corporation Property.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact me at 518-402-9813.

Sincerely,



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