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Dear [REDACTED]:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate some discussion with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on options for remediating the Town of Tonawanda landfill. This landfill, as you know, is designated as a vicinity property to the Linde Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program Site. While this Department realizes that the USACE is currently focusing on the Ashland 1, Ashland 2 sites and Seaway area D, there is a reason for beginning these discussions now.

The Town of Tonawanda is being encouraged by this Department to close this non-operating landfill. We want to ensure that the closure of this landfill does not preclude any future remedial actions or further site characterization, if any is needed. As a result, in September of this year, we had suggested verbally to the United States Department of Energy (DOE) that DOE and this Department review the adequacy of the characterization data, as a first step. That review had not yet begun when the FUSRAP program was transferred to the USACE.

Therefore, this Department would like to request that the USACE project manager assigned to this site evaluate the available information on this site, and once that review is complete, contact [REDACTED] at (518) 457-2225 to set up a meeting. If you have any questions or need further information related to this request, please contact John Mitchell.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Bureau of Pesticides & Radiation
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