



REPLY TO

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

BUFFALO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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SUBJECT: Restoration Advisory Board for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Projects at the Former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site

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Dear Dr. Gardella:

Thank you for meeting with me in support of our ongoing consultations relative to the status of your group and making progress on the Corps outreach program and projects at the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) and Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS). We recognize the interest your group has in these sites and remain committed to giving careful consideration to your requests and concerns. This was a very positive meeting and we covered many important topics.

To reiterate our discussion of the path forward in resolving open issues with your group, we request **from** you a letter providing details of your issues, your expectations for resolving them and your vision of successful future interactions and accomplishments with the Corps. Some of the specific issues we discussed which require clarification before I can make informed decisions include:

- What would be the role and range of activities of a facilitator?
- What issues or disputes do you feel require a facilitator to resolve?
- How would the independence of a facilitator be determined? By whom?
- Do you have any recommended facilitators having the independence and depth of experience in DoD Restoration Advisory Boards and Corps projects you feel is needed?
- Who would fund the facilitator?

As we discussed, there is a diverse community audience and a complex agency and regulatory framework involved in the environmental issues at the former LOOW and NFSS. Your input will help ensure I fully understand your expectations in determining if a facilitator is an appropriate method for addressing open issues relevant to the Corps projects at these sites.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]
Daniel B. Snead
Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Commander