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SUBJECT: Department of Defense Restoration Advisory Board for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Projects at the Former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works Site

Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo Attorney General State of New York 120 Broadway New York, NY 10271

Dear Mr. Cuomo:

Thank you for your letter of March 31, 2008. We appreciate your interest and input regarding the status of the community-based Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). The project delivery team is evaluating all input received regarding this matter.

Our goal in this process is to maximize the dissemination of information and increase public involvement as we work to clean up the LOOW Site. The formation of a Department of Defense (DoD) LOOW-RAB forum that is compliant with 32 C.F.R. 202 will provide the community with an additional opportunity to bring people to the table that can contribute significantly to the process. While membership in the DoD RAB could look somewhat similar to the membership of the current community-based volunteer group it may also include a wider array of interested individuals. The membership of the current community-based volunteer group will be able to apply as community members to the DoD RAB or they may be appointed as representatives for the community as will other interested members of the community.

Again, thank you for your input. If you require additional information, I can be reached at (716) 879-4200 or contact Mr. Colin Ozanne, Senior Assistant District Counsel, at (716) 879-4181.

Sincerely,

John S. Hurley

Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers

District Commander