



# Lake Ontario Ordnance Works - Restoration Advisory Board

## LOOW RAB

December 8, 2011

Stephen H. Bales, District Commander  
 Lieutenant Colonel  
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
 1776 Niagara St.  
 Buffalo NY 14207-3199

**RE: Future Land Use, Public Comments for the Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS)**

Dear District Commander Bales,

This letter is in response to the September 28, 2011 public workshop conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers regarding "Waste Disposal Options" for radioactive material in temporary storage at the NFSS, located in Lewiston, NY.

The implications of Future Land Use preferences on the selection of clean-up standards for the NFSS were not disclosed to residents who attended the workshop. In addition, a "summary of public comments" (Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>) report from Army Corps facilitator Doug Sarno omitted comments from residents at the workshop which called for residential use. Agricultural use has also been mentioned as a potential Future Use by certain RAB stakeholders. As a result, the RAB felt it was important to survey residents on Future Land Use within the context of general clean-up standards, and forward initial results to you.

Note: This Survey assumes that the Corps is capable of executing a clean-up that would meet any of the Future Use options. If that is not the case, would you kindly inform us.

Copies of each response are attached.<sup>1</sup> The 117 responses as of December 8<sup>th</sup> are summarized as follows:

**1. We want the federal government to?**

Safely remove all NFSS radioactive waste as soon as possible and dispose off-site	114
Construct a permanent radioactive waste landfill on the NFSS for some wastes, & remove others	0
Reinforce the containment cap and keep all radioactive waste at the NFSS, permanently	2
No response marked	1

**2. What standard for NFSS clean up should the Army Corps achieve?**

Safest clean up: 'Unrestricted' use (residential standard)	113
Moderate clean up: 'Industrial' use	4
Minimal clean up: 'Recreational' use	0

**3. When should radioactive waste be safely removed?**

As soon as possible	115
After small or moderate leaking occurs	2
After major containment failure	0

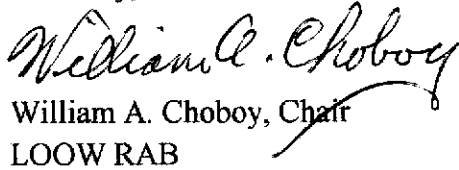
<sup>1</sup> Names and street numbers have been redacted for privacy protection, unless otherwise required.

Breakdown of responses from:

Lewiston/Porter	Other Niagara Cty.	WNY	Out-of-State	TOTAL
92	9	9	7	117

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
William A. Choboy, Chair  
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cc: LOOW RAB  
U.S. Senator Charles Schumer  
U.S. Senator Kristen Gillibrand  
Congresswoman Louise Slaughter  
Niagara County  
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