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ADVISORY BOARD:

"Today, I sent a letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers demanding it halt its illegal and misguided attempt to dissolve the citizens group overseeing the cleanup of the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works (LOOW). This citizens group, officially known as the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB), was established to watchdog the cleanup of the 7,500-acre nuclear waste storage site located in the communities of Lewiston and Porter. The RAB has provided a critical public service giving the community a voice in addressing environmental and public health concerns related to the presence of highly radioactive nuclear waste in its midst. The Corps is now attempting to dissolve and deny the existence of this group, effectively silencing the community. The Corps' actions are not only inadvisable, they also violate federal law. I call on the Corps to immediately abandon its efforts to dissolve and silence the community."