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James T. Moore, FUSRAP Project Manager  
Department of the Army  
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Re: Town of Colonie, NL Industries FUSRAP Site  
Proposed Plan to Address the Vicinity Properties

Dear Mr. Moore:

The City of Albany requests that you reconsider the work plan as it relates to the Three Mile Reservoir. The City is interested in potentially decommissioning the reservoir which would include removing the dam. Removing the dam and improving the upstream channel of the Patroon Creek may be beneficial for mitigation of flooding in the City and surrounding areas. Not taking the potential reservoir decommissioning and dam removal into account during the planning of NL Industries FUSRAP Site would create a future issue regarding the quality of the sediment behind the dam and the potential that the sediment would migrate downstream, along with any of the historical contaminants that may be present from the former NL Industries site. The City of Albany is currently undertaking a project to daylight the Patroon Creek in the Tivoli Lake Preserve to help mitigate flooding and create additional recreation areas. Albany residents who wish to use the preserve are concerned with the water quality of the Patroon Creek due to past contamination from NL Industries and MEREKO, and the City hopes to ensure the mitigation of any future contamination.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Coffey, Jr., P.E.  
Commissioner

Cc: Mayor Kathy Sheehan