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Joe Martens
Commissioner

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Edward D. Collins, Sr., Zoning Enforcement Officer
Town of Ontario
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Dear Town Official:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC") is conducting an inventory and study of shoreline protection/coastal erosion structures, such as bulkheads, revetments and seawalls, along the New York State coastline of Lake Ontario. The data gathered will be used to better understand Lake Ontario's coastal resiliency to seasonal storm and lake surges, the associated erosive effects resulting from these natural events, and the potential impacts of climate change.

In order to obtain an accurate assessment of New York's coastal resiliency many properties along the shoreline will be evaluated, on the behalf of NYSDEC, by a third party engineering and mapping firm named AECOM. Though the specific properties/erosion control structures selected for the assessment have not been identified at this time, this letter serves to provide you with information about the nature and intent of the study, and inform you that AECOM may contact your office for information regarding the installation of these structures, such as design information in building permits, within your Town boundaries.

Data evaluation and site visits for the study will be performed weekdays from June 2012 through August 2012. You and your staff will be invited to attend any site visits targeted within your Town.

The NYSDEC is fully committed to understanding the impacts of coastal erosion and the effects of natural events on erosion control structures and the environment. If you have any questions regarding this notification letter or the proposed study, you can contact me at (716) 851-7130. For further information regarding NYSDEC's Coastal Erosion Program, please contact Ms. Sue McCormick, P.E., Chief of the Coastal Erosion Management Section, at (518) 402-8127.

Sincerely,

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