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COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND INTENT TO REQUEST THE RELEASE OF FUNDS AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION UNDER SEQRA

On January 6, 1998, Yates County will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, for the Yates County Canal Corridor Initiative. Activities financed under the Section 108 Loan portion of this Initiative for which the release of funds is being requested includes three loans to the Penn Yan Marine Manufacturing, Inc. as part of their Canal Boat Manufacturing Project. These loans may be described as follows:

- **Building Repair Loan**
A total of \$240,000 will be used to repair and reconstruct the production plant roof, reorganize production space, and expand storeroom capacities.

- **Equipment Loan**
Up to \$200,000 is needed to finance the purchase of heavy-duty overhead hoists, lifts, ramps, cradles, dollies, and platforms needed to manufacture the canal boats. Other equipment needed includes a delivery trailer, service truck and miscellaneous power tools.

- **Working Capital Loan**
A loan of up to \$400,000 is needed to facilitate the purchase of materials, hiring and training of workers, and to cover the costs of work in progress.

Yates County is not prepared to request the release of funds for access improvements proposed as part of the Canal Corridor Initiative as these improvements require further environmental study. The access improvements are not a prerequisite to the loan-funded activities described above.

The project activities will commence in January, 1998, and manufacturing activities are expected to continue over a period of four years at a minimum.

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

Notice is hereby given that the County of Yates, New York has conducted an environmental review of 1997 Canal Corridor Initiative activities to be financed with Section 108 Loan funds. This review was completed in compliance with Federal Regulation 24 CFR Part 58, and it was found that the activities financed are not actions which may significantly affect the quality of the human environment and do not support any activity characteristic of a major Federal Action. Accordingly, the County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (PL 91-190).

This notice is also issued pursuant to Part 817 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review) of the Environmental Conservation Law. The County of Yates, as lead

in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval the County of Yates may use the Section 108 funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and other environmental responsibilities listed in 24 CFR Part 58. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not, in fact, executed by the certifying officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD; or (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD at the Buffalo Area Office, Lafayette Court, 465 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14203.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after January 21, 1998 will be considered by HUD.

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As noted above, the environmental review determined that the 1997 Yates County Canal Corridor Initiative activities financed with HUD Section 108 Loan funds will not have a significant impact on the environment.

The facts and reasons in support of this are as follows:

- Loan components of the Yates County Canal Corridor Initiative will finance building improvements, equipment purchases and working capital. These activities will not impact or be impacted by standards relative to wetlands, water and air quality, solid waste, farmlands, wild and scenic rivers, or endangered species.

- The Penn Yan Marine Manufacturing plant is partially located in a flood plain, but there is no practicable alternative to this location. Improvements to the building will be undertaken so as to minimize negative impacts from possible flooding, and flood insurance will be maintained by the company.

- Access improvements proposed as part of the Canal Corridor Initiative are not part of this environmental review and will be addressed separately. Loan-funded activities do not depend on access improvements.

- The loan-funded activities will result in the creation of over 100 new jobs over a three to four year period, and these jobs will be filled principally by low income persons.

- Loan-funded activities will not impact historical or archeological resources in the Village or County.

- Activities will generate minor traffic impacts on Hicks Street and Waddell Avenue.

- Community facilities, utilities and services will not be impacted by loan-funded activities.

- Project is consistent with zoning regulations in place, and with the need to create industrial employment opportunities in the Village and County.

DOCUMENTATION AND DISPOSITION:

The above-mentioned review is on file in the office of the Yates County Industrial Development Agency, One Keuka Business Park, Penn Yan, New York 14527, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Comments on this review may be made from December 18, 1997 through January 1, 1998. No further environmental review of the Section 108 Loan-funded activities is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of Federal funds. The release of funds for access improvements to the Penn Yan Marine plant is not being requested at this time.

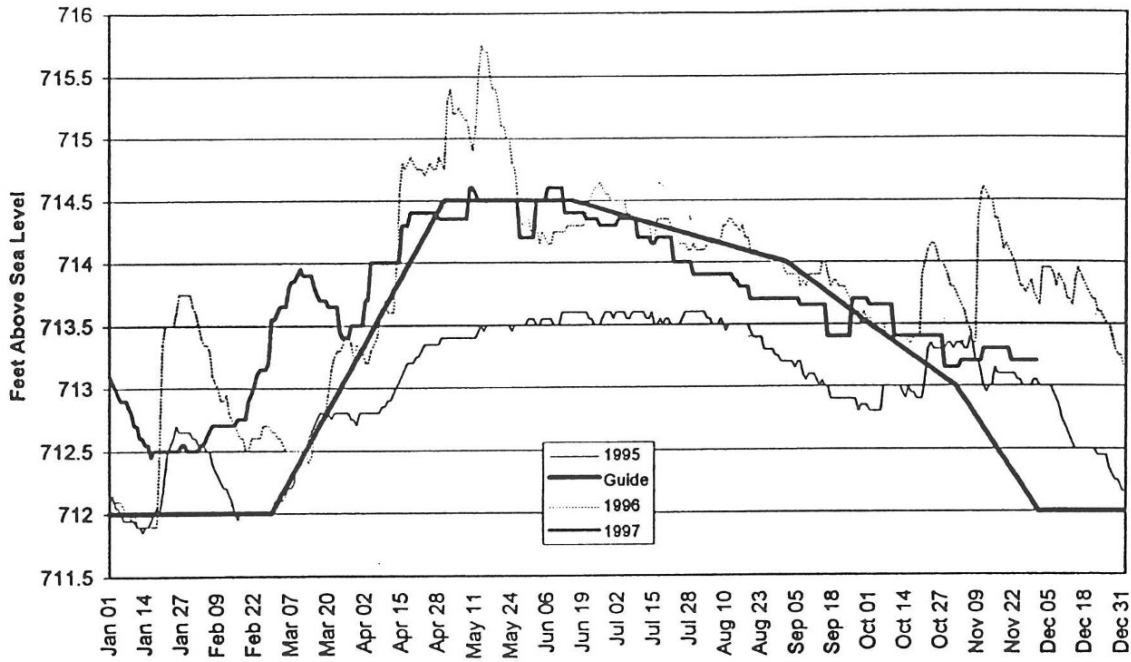
All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the County and the Yates County IDA. Such written comments should be received at the IDA office before January 1, 1998. All such comments so received will be considered, and the County of Yates will not request the release of Federal funds or take any substantive administrative action on the within project prior to January 1, 1998.

RELEASE OF FUNDS:

The County of Yates will undertake the program described above with Section 108 Loan funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The County of Yates is certifying to HUD that Robert Multer, in his official capacity as Chairman of the Yates County Legislature, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities

Keuka Lake Water Level

Mean High = 715.15, Top of Gates = 716.04



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