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Attention: Dave Feldman

Subject: FUSRAP - Transmittal of FUSRAP Community Relations  
Weekly News Clippings

Dear Dave:

Enclosed are copies of our weekly news clippings for the week ending Friday, February 4, 1994. Please do not hesitate to call if you have questions or need additional information. My telephone number is 576-5034.

Sincerely,

*Nancy B. Myers for*  
Sandra W. Plant  
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News Clippings



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## Tonawanda backed by DEC on cleanup

### *Storing waste in town opposed*

By FARAH SAFTUDDIN  
*News Tonawanda Bureau*

The state Department of Environmental Conservation has added its voice to the chorus of residents who oppose a U.S. Department of Energy proposal to clean up four radioactive sites in the Town of Tonawanda and store the waste in the town.

The state's opposition to the cleanup proposal was announced to about 160 people during a public hearing Wednesday sponsored by the Coalition Against Nuclear Materials in Tonawanda (CANIT), a group of local elected officials who have banded together on the waste issue.

State environmental Commissioner Thomas C. Jorling wrote the Energy Department in support of the group's position — that land be cleaned up enough for unrestricted use and that the waste be taken to a storage facility in Utah.

The 350,950 cubic yards of contaminated waste is left over from the Manhattan Project, the effort to build the first atomic bomb, in 1940s. It is at four sites along the Thruway and River Road in the Town of Tonawanda.

"The state's position adds weight to what we've been doing here in Tonawanda," said Legislator Leonard R. Lenihan, D-Tonawanda. "We now have to take the fight to the federal level."

Residents at the hearing objected to having a nuclear waste storage cell in the populated suburban town and along the Niagara River, where it could threaten the area's drinking water.

Legislator Charles M. Swanick, D-Kenmore, criticized the Energy Department for overestimating the cost of transporting the contaminants to an out-of-state facility. Federal documents estimated the cost at \$39.4 million, but Conrail can do the job for at least \$10 million less, he said.

Under the revised figures, taking the waste out of town would cost about \$201 million, compared to \$59 million to build a storage site along the river.

"(The Energy Department) originally estimated it would cost \$187 million to clean up. Now they want to save money over the lives of the people who live here," said City of Tonawanda resident John Krenitsky. "It's time they put their money where their mouth is and cleaned up the site properly."

## LOOW Site Manager To Address ROLE

**RESIDENTS** Organized for Lewiston Porter's Environment will hold its regular monthly meeting 7 P.M. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the First Presbyterian Church, Cayuga Street.

Lewistonian Don Gamble will address the group regarding his seven years as the manager at the

former LOOW site. A comment period will follow, during which concerned citizens may ask questions.

The LOOW site was the area where the federal government buried radioactive tailings from the Manhattan Project during WWII

and is located about a mile from the Lewiston-Porter school complex.

ROLE President Tim Henderson stated: "I'm encouraged by the Lewiston Town Board's recent resolution sent to President Clinton calling for the removal of radioactive waste from Lewiston.

They are joined by the EPA and New York State's departments of Health and Environmental Conservation, so we have strength in numbers."

Refreshments will be served and, as always, the public is encouraged to attend.