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The storage silo at the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works in Lewiston is an ominous site to nearby residents. The silo has been used as a radioactive waste storage tower for more than three decades.

## 7 state sites may supply LOOW waste

If the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works property in Lewiston is converted to a regional disposal center, the radioactive waste materials likely will come from cleanup projects at several locations.

The contaminated properties were involved in the World War II Manhattan Project and subsequent contracts for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. Those locations in the state include:

- The Seaway Industrial Park on River Road in the Town of Tonawanda which contains 6,000 cubic yards of contaminated material from the Linde Air Products Division of the Union Carbide Corp.

- A Town of Tonawanda site, adjacent to Seaway, owned by the Ashland Oil Co. Waste materials there also came from Linde, a uranium ore processor for the federal government.

- The Linde plant property, also in the Town of Tonawanda.

- The Seneca Army Depot in Romulus, where radioactive material was stored in bunkers.

- Guterl Special Steel Corp. on Ohio Street in Lockport, where uranium billets were rolled in one of the mills. Contamination is considered minor by federal officials.

- A warehouse in Port Richmond on Staten Island that was used for the storage of uranium ore. The building is gone, but contaminated soil remains.

- Land adjacent to — and once part of — the former ordnance plant property in Lewiston that may need additional decontamination.