

NO LOOW wants DEC help

LEWISTON — A local citizen's group will ask the state to go on record against federal plans to develop the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works as a regional radioactive waste repository, a spokesman said Wednesday.

Steven Nathanson, spokesman for NO LOOW, said the group will seek help from state Department of Environmental Conservation officials to block actions by the U.S. Department of Energy based on a consultant's report.

In that report, Bechtel National Inc. cited several "problem areas" at the Pletcher Road site that do not meet DEC mandates. The site is owned by the Department of Energy.

Nathanson, an environmental engineer, said DEC emissions and ground water contamination regulations are being violated on the site at several points.