

# Daly's Fears Allayed On LOOW Dump Site

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ALBANY — State Sen. John B. Daly, R-Lewiston, said Monday a meeting with U.S. Department of Energy officials has finally convinced him they have no intention of reactivating the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works in Lewiston as a radioactive-waste dump site.

"They were very firm and positive in their statements," the senator said after a briefing conducted by the Energy Department for state officials here. "I personally am delighted."

This meeting with state officials and others with local officials and representatives of Rep. John J. LaFalce, D-Town of Tonawanda, are a prelude to a public hearing tonight. The hearing is on plans for protecting residents from contamination from the 16,000 tons of low-level radioactive wastes stored at the ordnance site after development of the first atomic bomb.

A public meeting to explain plans for the former LOOW site will be held at 7:30 tonight in Lewiston-Porter Senior High School.

An energy Department consultant had suggested that the site in the Town of Lewiston, 10 miles north of Niagara Falls, be made a repository for other such wastes from New Jersey and Massachusetts. The Energy Department rejected the suggestion, Sen. Daly said, because it was sensitive to the concerns of area residents and also because there were other, less costly, remedial measures available to them.

Energy Department officials said emissions of Radon gas from an old concrete tower where some of the wastes are stored are well within state safety limits. But a representative of the state Health Department stressed the desirabil-

ity of moving those wastes inside a dike being constructed around the main portion of the site.

The Energy Department will continue to study the possibility of removing all wastes from the site, Sen. Daly said. However, Energy Secretary Donald F. Hodel last week estimated that might cost \$100 million.

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