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Scientists to look at plans for waste site

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An independent group of scientists from across the country will look at the Department of Energy's plan to put a final cap on a site full of radioactive waste and residues in the Town of Lewiston.

The National Academy of Sciences will provide an opinion on the validity of the energy department's proposed permanent cap on the Niagara Falls Storage Site, located 10 miles from Niagara Falls in Lewiston, Rep. John J. LaFalce, D-Tonawanda, announced Thursday. If the plan is found to be inadequate, the academy will examine alternatives, he said.

The news heartened Timothy Henderson, president of the Residents Organized for the Lewiston-Porter Environment group, is against the energy department's plan. Story, 3A.