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## Keep the pressure on to clean up waste site

The recent decision by the prestigious National Academy of Science (NAS) that recommends the removal of the radioactive residues from the NFSS should be greeted with both a sense of relief, that an entire generation of Lewiston residents will never be exposed to the carcinogenic effects of high level radioactive waste, and a dogged determination to assure that the Department of Energy complies with the recommendation.

Our community played an integral part in the war effort in the 1940s and has diligently and steadfastly tried to maintain its charm and quality of life ever since, despite having this overwhelmingly negative site in our backyard. It has been a long and often frustrating battle, but after 50 years we are very close to realizing environmental justice and patching

a giant tear in the fabric of our community.

But the struggle is not over until the last of the waste leaves Lewiston. Accordingly, we call upon the residents and concerned citizens of Lewiston, both in the town and village, to stay on top of this important issue by contacting our federal representatives and the Department of Energy in Washington and demanding their timely compliance with the NAS recommendation.

A healthy and vibrant community is a reflection of the standards and ideals that are held by its residents. Your questions and concerns over the years were heard and finally answered with a positive response. The system works. It is now our duty to write the final chapter.

Mayor Richard Soluri  
and the Honorable Village Board  
*Village of Lewiston*