

LEWISTON

More ordnance cleanup set

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LEWISTON — Representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers told about 30 members of the public Wednesday that more cleanup of the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works will be completed this year, including removal of hazardous waste from a TNT pipeline on the site, which straddles the towns of Lewiston and Porter.

"Over the last year, we started remediating the TNT and chemical waste sewer lines on the site," said William E. Kowalewski, environmental engineer for the Corps.

All of the work will be done on CWM Chemical Services property and is to begin in May, with completion by October.

Partial remediation of the site will be completed this fiscal year, to the tune of \$1.4 million.

Sevenson Environmental of Niagara Falls will soon be awarded a contract to do the work, he added.

Kowalewski also said there are two small spots where the Corps has chosen to pressure-wash the pipes and leave them in the ground because workers cannot get at them.

There are 3,570 feet of TNT waste pipelines and 2,200 feet of the chemical waste sewer pipeline to be removed from the property.

During Phase 2 of the remedial investigation, EA Engineering & Science Co. will be paid \$2.3 million to sample soil, sediments, water and wastes at the site. Crews will also send samples to a laboratory for testing and map the area.

Corps representatives would like to interview people who worked at the site of the ordnance works between 1940 and 1986.

The site was originally farmland that was turned into a research and dumping ground during the World War II Manhattan Project, which developed the atomic bomb.

The meeting was held in the Lewiston-Porter Primary Building, where another update will be held at 7 p.m. July 12.