Update planned on Falls Storage Site

LEWISTON — Members of the Restoration Advisory Board for the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday to learn the latest update on work performed on the waste containment structure at the Niagara Falls Storage Site.

Judith S. Leithner, the <u>U.S. Army Corps of</u> Engineers project manager for the 91-acre Niagara Falls Storage Site, will discuss a geophysical study that will be performed on the structure. Such a study will determine the physical condition of the storage site, which houses wastes from the former Manhattan Project.

The study will be conducted without actually digging underground.

Mary Kay Foley, project manager for the Lake Ontario Ordnance Works, will explain a new site strategy on breaking the site down for information purposes and will give an update on the cleanup schedule.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Primary Building on the Lewiston-Porter School District Campus, 4061 Creek Road.

The former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works site was a 7,500-acre parcel obtained by the U.S. War Department in 1942 to produce TNT. The TNT production area measured about 2,500 acres. According to the Corps of Engineers, production of the TNT stopped in July 1943.

The site straddles the towns of Lewiston and Porter.