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LaFalce seeks study on cancer rates

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Rep. John J. LaFalce, D-Town of Tonawanda, sent a letter Wednesday asking the state Health Department to study cancer rates in residential areas near four sites in his district where nuclear materials from the Manhattan Project were dumped.

LaFalce asked Health Commissioner Dr. Antonio Novello to look into the incidences of cancer in communities adjacent to the Niagara Falls Storage Site in Lewiston, the Simonds Steel site in Lockport and the Town of Tonawanda Landfill and Mud Flats, both in the Town of Tonawanda.

He also expressed his support for a state Health Department follow-up study on the number of cancer cases in the area around the Linde site in the Town of Tonawanda, where an initial study showed a cancer rate 10 percent higher than expected.

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