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Program Channel 2 News At Eleven

SCOTT LEVIN, co-anchor:

Western New York's involvement in the development of the atomic bomb is well documented, but is our history affecting our present? Some Tonawanda natives want to know. Channel 2's Pete Gullivan takes us on their search for answers.

Mr. JEFF DARIEN (Tonawanda Resident): I kind of put 2 and 2 together and started thinking maybe my lifestyle as a kid is why I have this illness.

PETE GALLIVAN reporting:

Jeff Darien never thought anything of it, playing, swimming sledding and skating around Tonawanda's two-mile creek.

Mr. DARIEN: When you're a kid and you're thirsty, what do you do? You scoop up a little bit of snow and you put it in your mouth. Well at that time we really didn't know what we were putting in our mouths.

GALLIVAN: At the age of 27 though, he was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Neighbors tell similar stories.

Unidentified Woman #1: I have health problems myself, i

here, we know there was low-level radiation and we've been working since 1996 to clean that up.

GALLIVAN: And as this work rolls on, Joe Gardella and the Tonawanda School Board conduct testing.

Mr. GARDELLA: We're looking for any kind of contamination whatsoever.

GALLIVAN: Just a few hundred yards from contaminated area, the Kenton District plans to build a playground. They want to make sure the soil and air is safe for the kids here at Holmes Elementary. The good news is preliminary test results came back clean... No sign of contamination. The bad news however is neighbors are still wondering.

Does government share any responsibility in getting some answers for them and spearheading the effort to find answers?

Mr. CHUCK SWANICH (Erie County Legislator, Tonawanda): Many people blame a lot of our high cancer rate to our past and our huge industrial chemical-based industry here in Erie and Niagara County. That doesn't make it right.

GALLIVAN: The truth is they may never know of the exact cause of their health problems.

Ms. ADAMS: I think you're dealing with two separate issues. I believe you're dealing with the uranium contamination of Linde, as well as the ground water contamination from all the other businesses.

GALLIVAN: So for now this coalition vows to continue it's search for answers, and a source of their illness. Is it a combination of pollutants that are still here, or simply the tragic legacy of Tonawanda's contribution to the Manhattan Project. In Tonawanda Pete Gallivan CHANNEL 2 NEWS.

LEVIN: Praxair actually led the fight to get the federal government in and cleaning up the left over radioactive waste. They also say that they plan on expanding and investing further into their Tonawanda facility.

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