

Chamber hits LOOW study

The Niagara Falls Area Chamber of Commerce has recommended that the federal Department of Energy renounce a recommendation by federal consultants Bechtel National Corp. to use the Lake Ontario Ordnance site as a repository for radioactive wastes.

In a resolution passed in November, the chamber recommended that the DOE "decommission, clean up, certify as safe and return the LOOW site for an unrestricted and profitable use."

Calling the recommendation "improper and inconsistent with previous DOE commitments to clean up and restore the site," the chamber ruled that it is in the interests of the business community and area citizens that the site not be used as a repository for hazardous wastes.

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Pillittere gets Sierra report

BUFFALO — Citing his outstanding environmental record, two citizens groups presented Assemblyman Joseph Pillittere, D-Lewiston, with a report they said would help in the fight to block a nuclear waste repository in Lewiston.

The Sierra Club and Citizens Against Pollution presented Pillittere with a copy of a Sierra Club report called "Insecure Landfills: The Exhumation Option," a report on several successful excavations of chemical and radioactive waste landfills.

When accepting the report during ceremonies yesterday in the state Health Department offices on Delaware Avenue, Pillittere said he would support efforts to block any plans to convert the former Lake Ontario Ordnance Works in Lewiston to a nuclear waste site.

Such a conversion is under consideration by the U.S. Department of Energy, owners of the ordnance property.

The Lewiston site, which the government has used to store radioactive materials since 1944, "should be exhumed immediately," according to Sierra Club Radioactive Waste Campaign spokesman Diane D'Arrigo.

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