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COALITION AGAINST NUCLEAR MATERIALS IN TONAWANDA (CANIT)

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NEWS RELEASE

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO CONDUCT SURVEY IN TONAWANDA

A radiological survey team from the Department of Energy's (DOE) Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) will be taking measurements in Tonawanda during the week of April 2, 1990.

This action is a welcomed, positive response of the DOE to the Coalition Against Nuclear Materials in Tonawanda (CANIT) request to identify and cleanup any radioactive residues.

Measurements will be taken with a van that contains sensitive devices to detect low levels of radioactivity. If the van detects previously unidentified areas of contamination, property owners and local officials will be notified and follow-up walkover surveys will be conducted to obtain soil samples.

The survey is part of a DOE program to identify and remediate residual radioactive materials that remain from processing uranium ores at the Linde plant in Tonawanda during World War II. The van will be making surveys on roads in the area around the Linde plant and at other nearby locations where contaminated soil may have been placed.

DOE is coordinating the survey with CANIT and will meet with its Steering Committee in about a month to review the survey results. Town residents who wish to receive additional information should call the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, Division of Environmental Compliance at 858-6370.

CANIT is a Coalition of Local Government Officials which came into existence to prevent the DOE from shipping nuclear materials from Colonie, New York, to Tonawanda for permanent storage and to get the DOE to remove existing low level radioactive materials at four sites in Tonawanda and to ship this material to a site out of state for permanent storage (a list of the CANIT members is attached).

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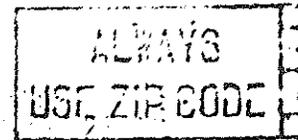
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