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EnviroCare rep may visit in TT

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A representative of EnviroCare of Utah has been exchanging phone messages with Town of Tonawanda Supervisor Carl Calabrese and is apparently planning to visit at the end of the month.

Mr. Calabrese said the representative will spend a day with town officials and discuss his firm's capabilities to ship and store waste.

EnviroCare answered eight questions posed by Mr. Calabrese in March, detailing its capabilities.

Those answers seemed to give credibility to the view of government and citizens that the Department of Energy has been operating as a bureaucracy rather than a business in dealing with radioactive waste remaining from the Manhattan Project of WWII.

Town officials continue to charge that cost estimates used by the DOE in calculating the expense of removing all waste from the town were artificially inflated to enhance the fiscal attractiveness of the DOE's preferred alternative

partial excavation with on site disposal.

EnviroCare's representative will detail how the firm operates and how waste from Tonawanda can be shipped and stored via rail.

Mr. Calabrese has pledged all citizens, from the "Coalition Against Nuclear Material in Tonawanda" (CANIT), which counts politicians and local residents as members, to the "For a Clean Tonawanda Site" (FACTS) group which has among its members concerned citizens and representatives of various Western New York environmental groups.

No matter what the outcome of the meeting with the EnviroCare representative, the DOE appears to be moving in an as-yet unaddressed direction. Tests had been under way for more than a year on the possibility of treating some of the waste on site, thereby reducing its volume and the cost of clean up.

The results of those tests are supposed to be available by the end of April.