

CANiT to meet group from Washington State

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Members of CANiT, Coalition Against Nuclear Waste in Tonawanda, are planning to schedule a meeting in April with members of the Local Citizens Monitoring Committee (LCMC) from Washington State.

LMCA, a group similar to CANiT in that they are highly interested in the nuclear waste removal action being taken in their state, has worked out an agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and their state to accept part of the cleanup will be left on-site.

It has been proposed that some of the waste from the Tonawanda sites may be shipped to the off-site location in Washington.

According to Rich Tobe, CANiT member and commissioner of the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, the LCMC wants to "check out" the town's waste to see if it would be acceptable as fill for their sites.

Also, CANiT prepared a response to the DOE's EE/CA, Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for Praxair interim action. CANiT asked a litany of questions such as what the current schedule was for completing interim action at Praxair; has a licensed disposal facility for accepting and disposing of the radioactive waste been identified and are other interim measures being planned at additional portions of the Praxair site; at other Tonawanda properties.

CANiT is closer to securing a technical services consultant to aid them with any questions on the waste removal processes.

Five candidates were interviewed by CANiT members and engineers and one firm, MJW Corp. of Williamsville, stood out above the others. However, Bechtel, DOE's services contractor, will make the final decision on what firm will be hired.