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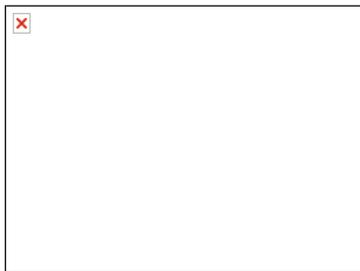
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Schumer: Plan Needed for Tonawanda Landfill

Tonawanda, NY (WBEN) - For over a decade, many residents in both the City and Town of Tonawanda have been concerned about gallons of radioactive waste that were dumped in the Tonawanda Landfill.

The waste is from the 1940's, when radioactive sediment from Two Mile Creek was dug up and dumped underneath the Tonawanda Landfill, which sits near the border of the Town and City of Tonawanda, just north of the 290. The waste was originally from the Manhattan Project, a research and development project that produced the first atomic bombs.

Because of the waste, the Army Corps of Engineers conducted studies on the area's safety.

"In the case of the Tonawanda Landfill, the Army Corps did conduct two different studies to determine whether local residents were at risk," Senator Chuck Schumer said while visiting the site on Monday. "In the first, they concluded that the radioactive waste was within reasonable limits. The second study made clear there was a potential risk. It's not a risk right now, but it could become a risk all too soon if the radioactive waste becomes exposed due to natural soil erosion."

After that second study in 2010, the Army Corps of Engineers were tasked with creating a remediation plan. "They're looking at ways to contain the waste and remove it," Schumer said. "It will be paid for fully by the federal government."

"The trouble is, they were supposed to complete this work by the end of 2014. It is now 2015."

Schumer is now pushing for a plan to be made public as soon as possible.

"The Army Corps is saying to us that they're working on it, but it's not soon enough in my judgement. My job is to put a little heat on some of these agencies. Some of them have good intentions, the Army Corps was the one who discovered the problems here. They've got to get to work ASAP."

Schumer also launched a push to secure more funding in the federal budget for the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP), which currently includes 24 active sites in 10 states. Five of those sites are in Western New York.

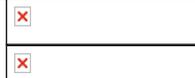
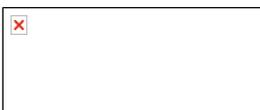
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