



anniversary of President Jimmy Carter's declaration of a state of emergency for Love Canal, when 239 families were evacuated from a hazardous chemical waste dump. The environmental disaster that came to light in 1978 only added to the image of Buffalo as the "armpit of the nation."

Erie and Niagara Counties are rife with environmentally challenged areas. The city of Niagara Falls, despite a clear warning on the deed for the land they bought from Hooker Chemical for \$1, built a school and neighborhood on top of an abandoned canal, which had been filled in with 20,000 tons of hazardous waste. Inspired by the serious situation at Love Canal, New York State identified approximately 1,000 chemical waste sites in need of remediation, and fully 25% of which are clustered in Erie and Niagara.

FUSRAP covers only those sites having to do with the war effort, but these are not the only sites in Western New York containing radioactive waste. The other major nuclear waste producers are utility companies, and less ominously, hospitals using radioactive materials for medicinal purposes.

The FUSRAP history is a nuclear waste success story, which, it would seem, is an obvious contradiction in terms.

But there are bigger waste sites to fry. West Valley being the nearest and next. One dire project at a time, as with Love Canal 20 years ago, the involvement of concerned citizens determined to make things better can work. No one else will care if it's polluted unless we care that it is.

Informational meeting concerning clean up for Tonawanda site to be held August 5th at the Phillip Sheridan Building, Rm 122, 3200 Elmwood Ave., Kenmore. Call Arleen Kreusch Public Affairs Specialist for FUSRAP for more information: (716) 879-4438 **BB**

FUSRAP SITES IN WNY

Bliss and Laughlin Steel, Buffalo, NY

The former Bliss & Laughlin Steel facility is located in Lackawanna, NY. This site was used by the Bliss & Laughlin Steel Company to machine and straighten uranium rods during September and October of 1952. The site is currently owned by the Niagara Cold Drawn Company.

Niagara Falls Storage Site, Lewiston, NY

The Niagara Falls Storage Site (NFSS) is located in Lewiston, NY. Radioactive residues and wastes from uranium ore processing were transported to the NFSS for storage from 1944 until the late 1950s. These residues and wastes are currently stored in an earthen containment structure on the site.

Tonawanda Sites, Tonawanda, NY

Linde Site

The Linde Site is located in Tonawanda, NY, from 1942 to 1946, the former Linde Air Products Division of Union Carbide processed uranium ores at this location under contract to the Manhattan Engineer District (MED). The site is currently owned by Praxair Inc.

Ashland 1 Site

Ashland 1 is located in Tonawanda, NY, along the Niagara River. From 1944 to 1946, approximately 8,000 tons of low-grade uranium ore tailings were stored at what is now the Ashland 1 Site. The site is currently owned by Ashland Chemical Co.

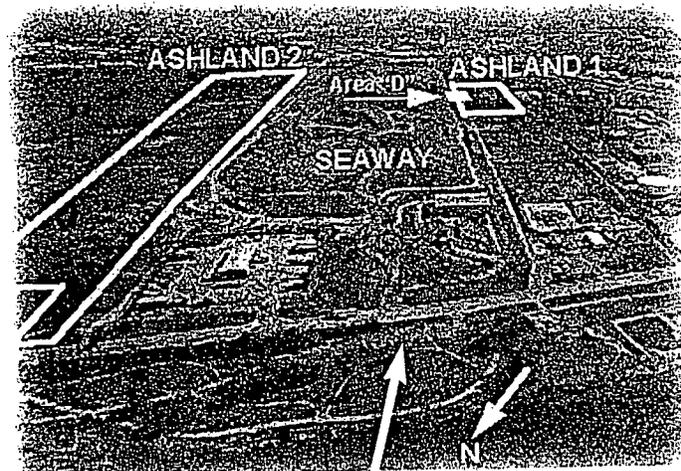
Ashland 2 Site

Ashland 2 is located in Tonawanda, NY, along the Niagara River. Between 1974 and 1982, approximately 6,000 cubic yards of soil containing low-level radioactive residues was transferred from the Ashland 1 Site to an area at Ashland 2. The site is currently owned by Ashland Chemical Co.

Seaway Site

Seaway Industrial Park is located in Tonawanda, NY, along the Niagara River. Between 1974 and 1982, the Seaway Site was contaminated during the transfer of soil containing low-level radioactive residues from the Ashland 1 Site to the Ashland 2 Site. The site is currently owned by the Seaway Industrial Park Development Company, Inc.

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