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FORMERLY UTILIZED SITES REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAM

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GUTERL SITE MEDIA AVAILABILITY SESSION TO BE HELD

LOCKPORT - The Buffalo District of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers will be holding a Media Availability Session before the Information Session regarding the former Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation (Simonds Saw and Steel Company) on Tuesday, December 12, 2000, from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The meeting will be held in Cafeteria 170 of the Lockport Senior High School located at 250 Lincoln Avenue in Lockport, New York. Parking is available from the Locust Street entrance.

The Buffalo District has been assigned the Former Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation, located west of Ohio Street and south of Crosby Street in Lockport, New York, as a site eligible for potential inclusion in the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). FUSRAP was initiated in 1974 to identify, investigate, and clean up or control sites throughout the United States that were part of the Nation's early atomic energy program. The former Manhattan Engineer District and the former Atomic Energy Commission used the former Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation Site for atomic energy defense activities from 1948 to 1956. The facilities were used for foundry work on uranium and thorium metal.

The first step in evaluating the site for inclusion is to perform a Preliminary Assessment. The purpose of a Preliminary Assessment is to review and evaluate available information to determine the need for further investigation of the site to ensure the protection of human health, welfare, and the environment.

The District received funding for the Preliminary Assessment and has begun a thorough review of available documentation regarding the Former Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation Site. If at any time the analysis of available information determines that there is a threat to human health, welfare and the environment, a removal action can be initiated. The final Preliminary Assessment report is scheduled to be released in Spring, 2001.

Buffalo District encourages public involvement in the decision-making process for the site. Interested citizens may be added to the site mailing list by calling the Corps' toll free number at 1-800-833-6390. Letters may be addressed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, Attention: FUSRAP Information Center, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14207. E-mails may be addressed to fusrap@usace.army.mil.

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